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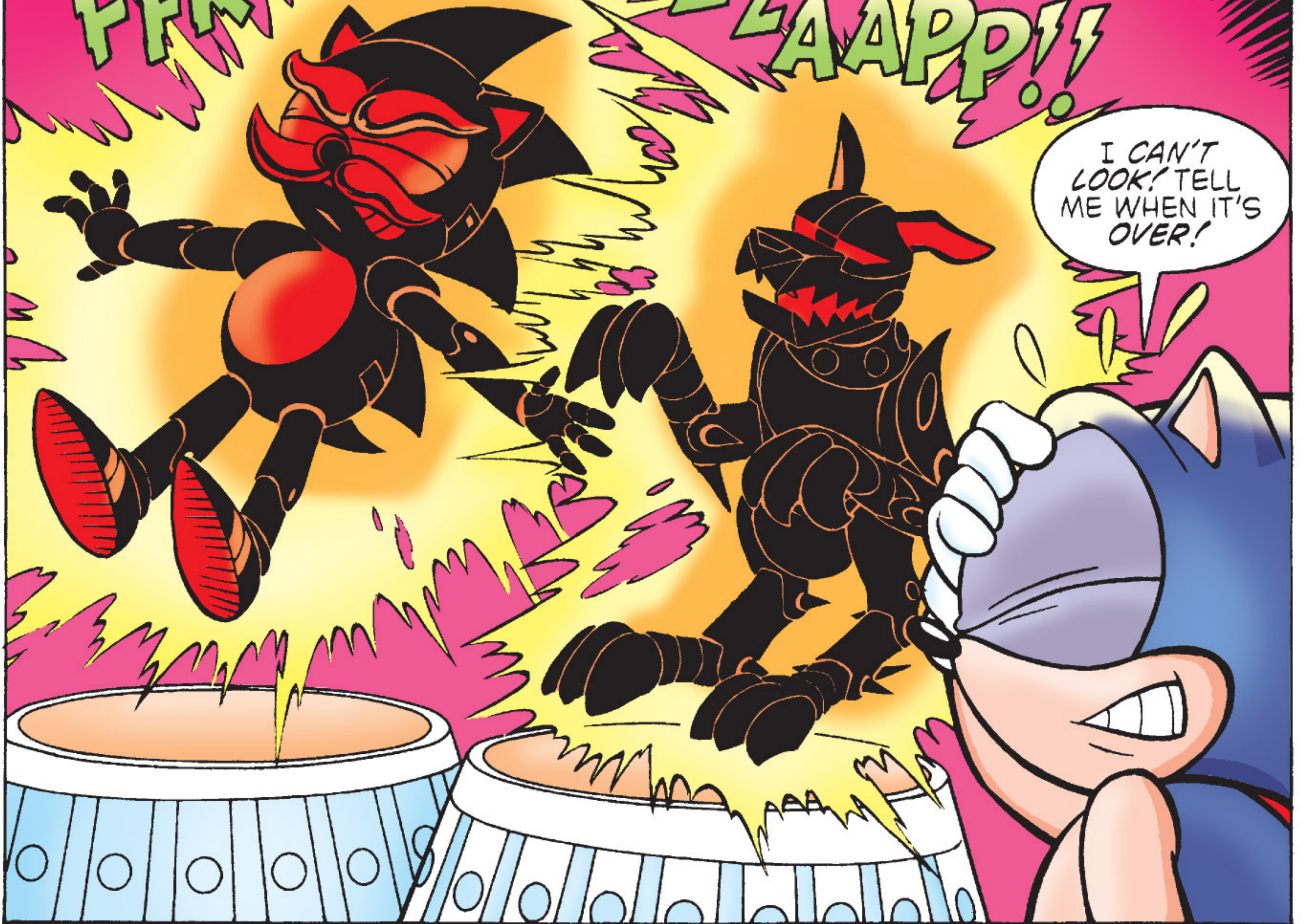
IN

TO 'BOT OR NOT TO 'BOT!

PART ONE

FFRRRRZZZZZZAAPP!!

I CAN'T
LOOK! TELL
ME WHEN IT'S
OVER!

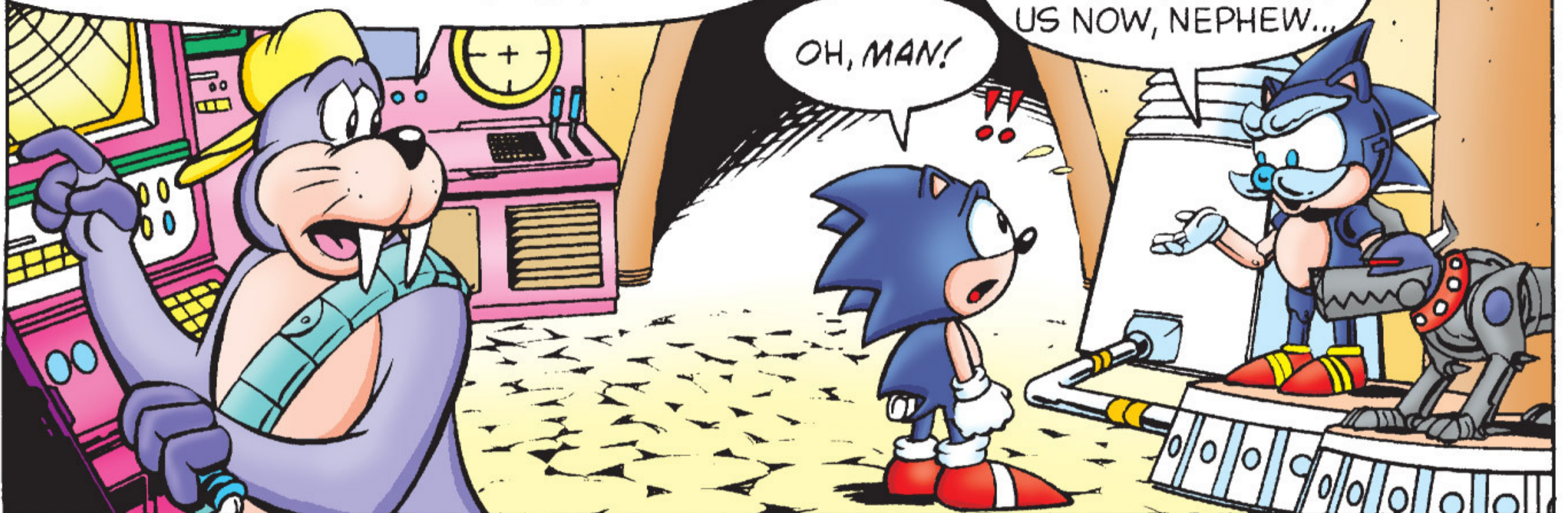


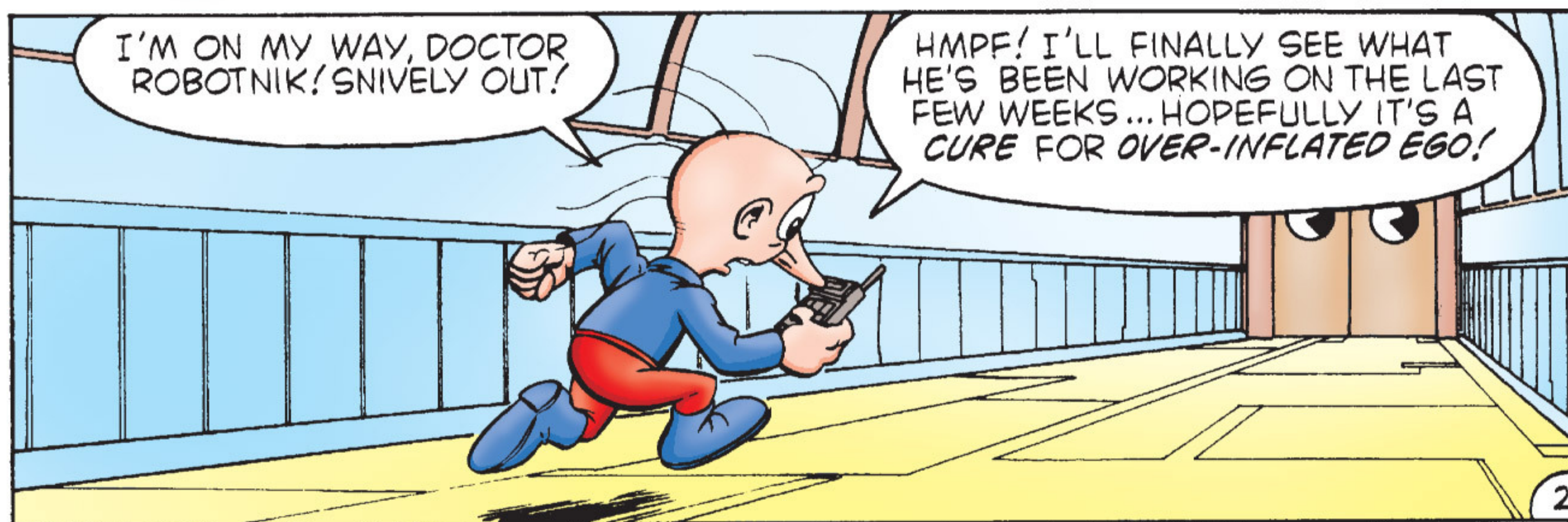
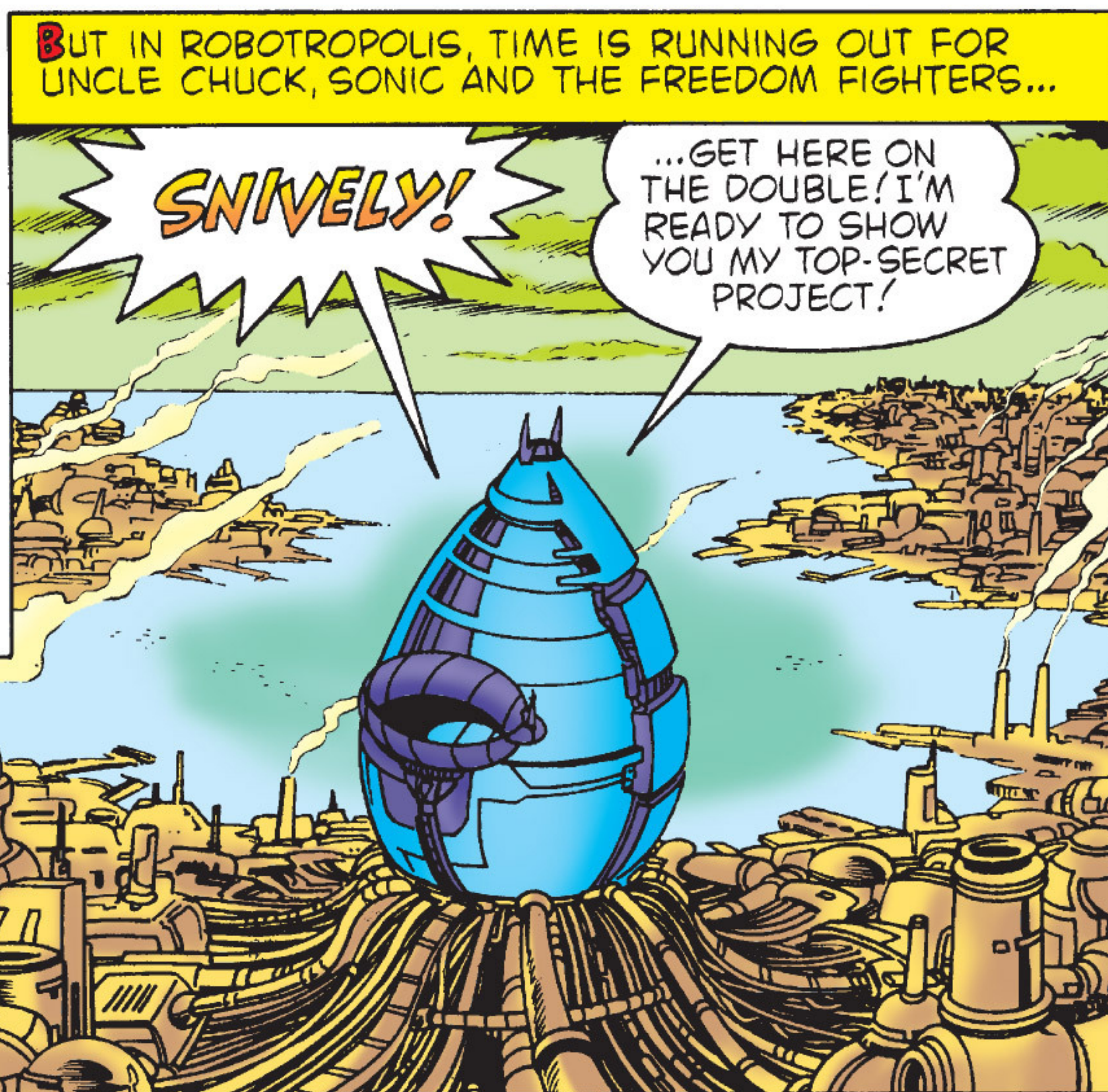
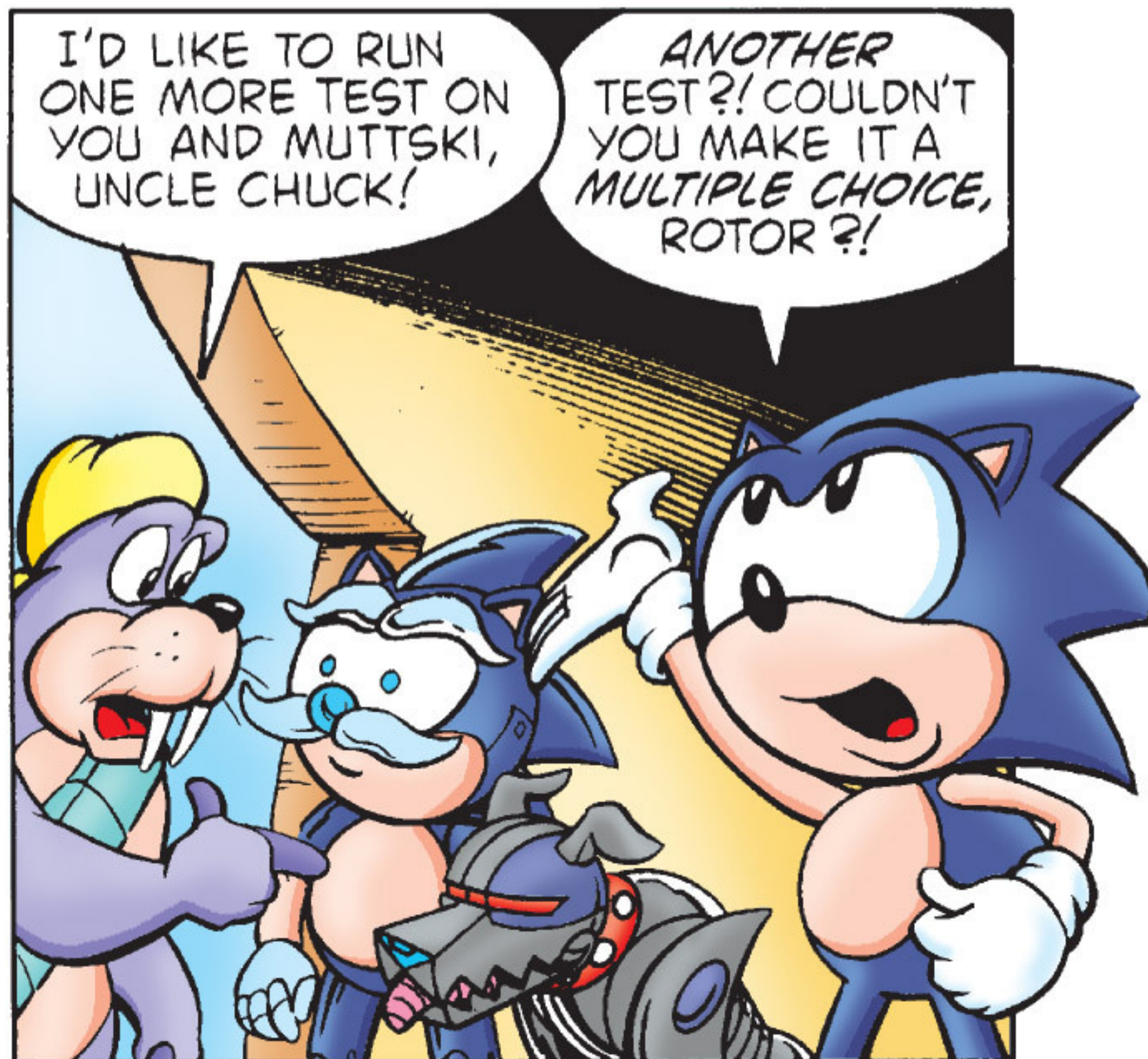
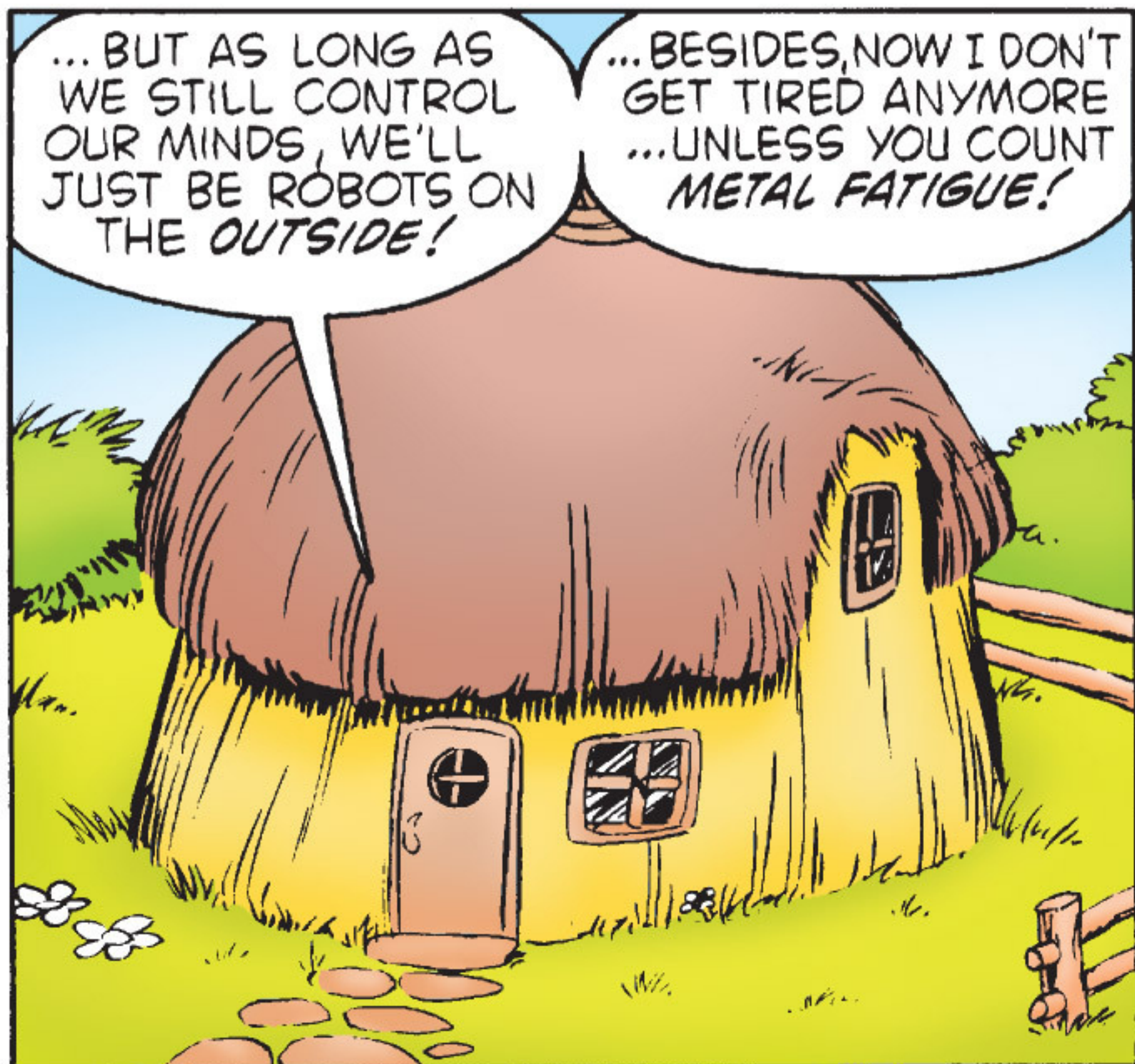
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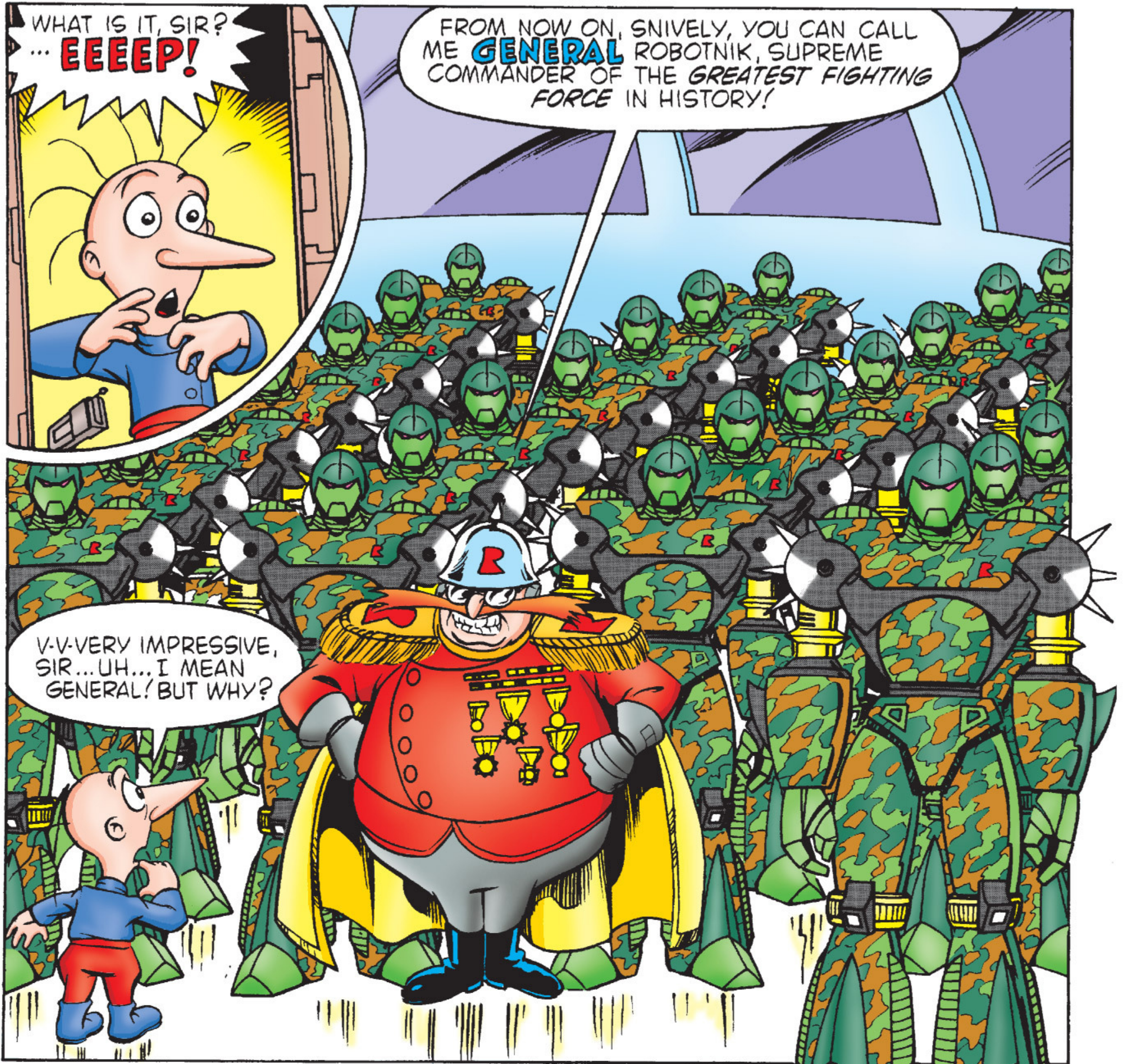
SORRY, SONIC! THE DE-ROBOTICIZATION
PROCESS DIDN'T WORK! UNCLE CHUCK AND
MUTTSKI ARE *STILL* ROBOTS!

ROBOTNIK'S THE
ONLY ONE WHO
CAN DE-ROBOTICIZE
US NOW, NEPHEW...

OH, MAN!







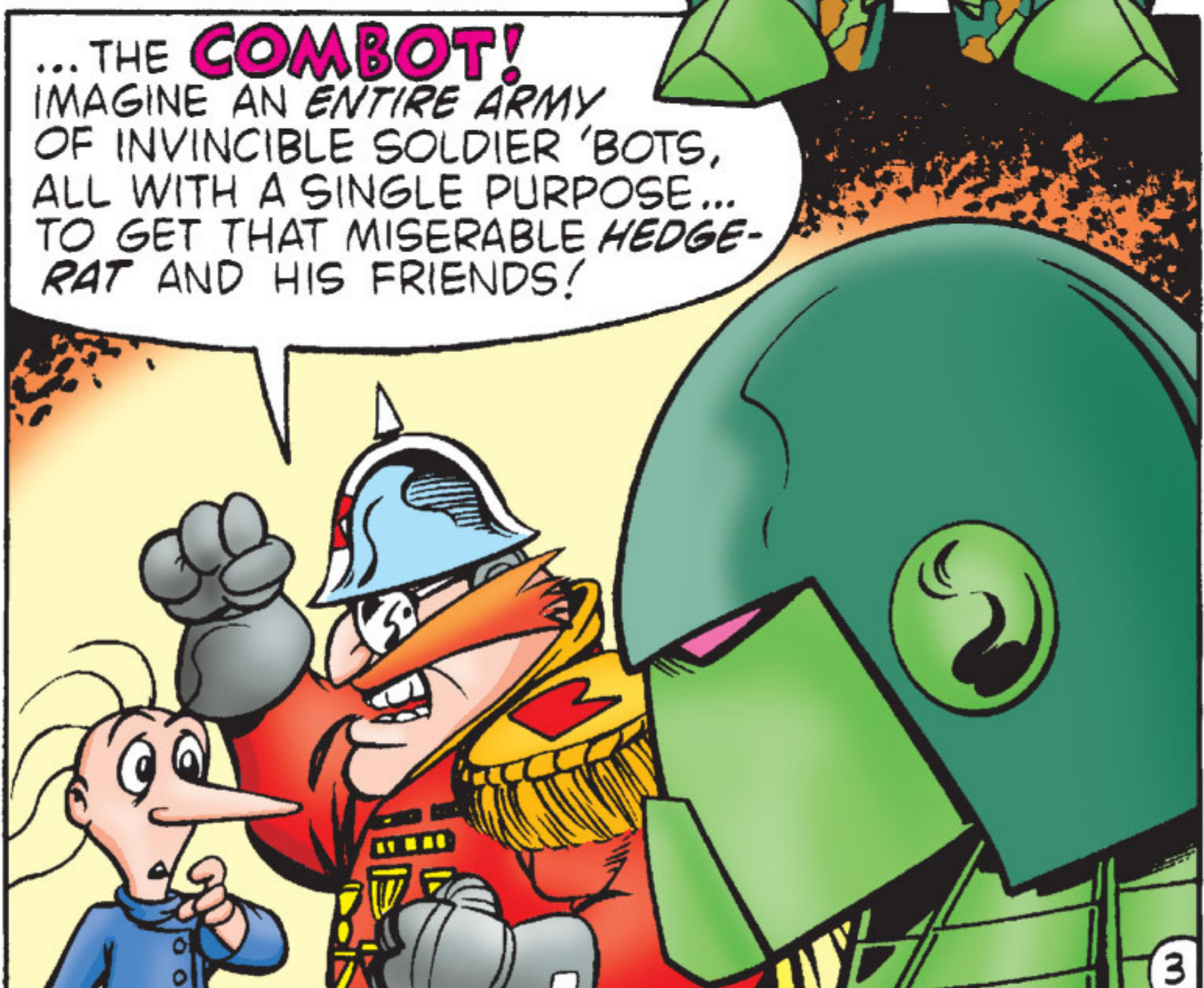
WHAT IS IT, SIR?
... **EEEEEP!**

FROM NOW ON, SNIVELY, YOU CAN CALL ME **GENERAL** ROBOTNIK, SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE **GREATEST FIGHTING FORCE** IN HISTORY!

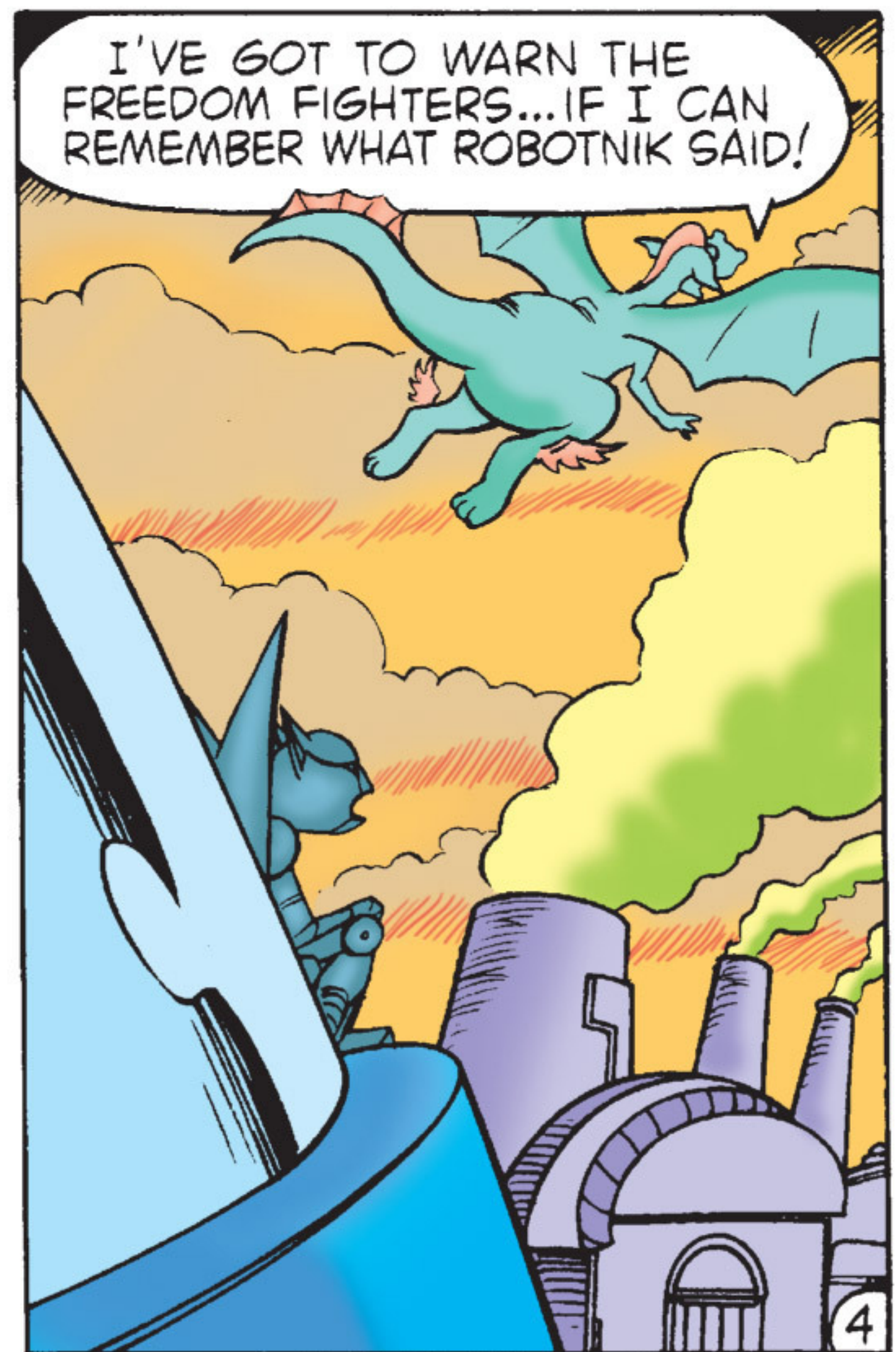
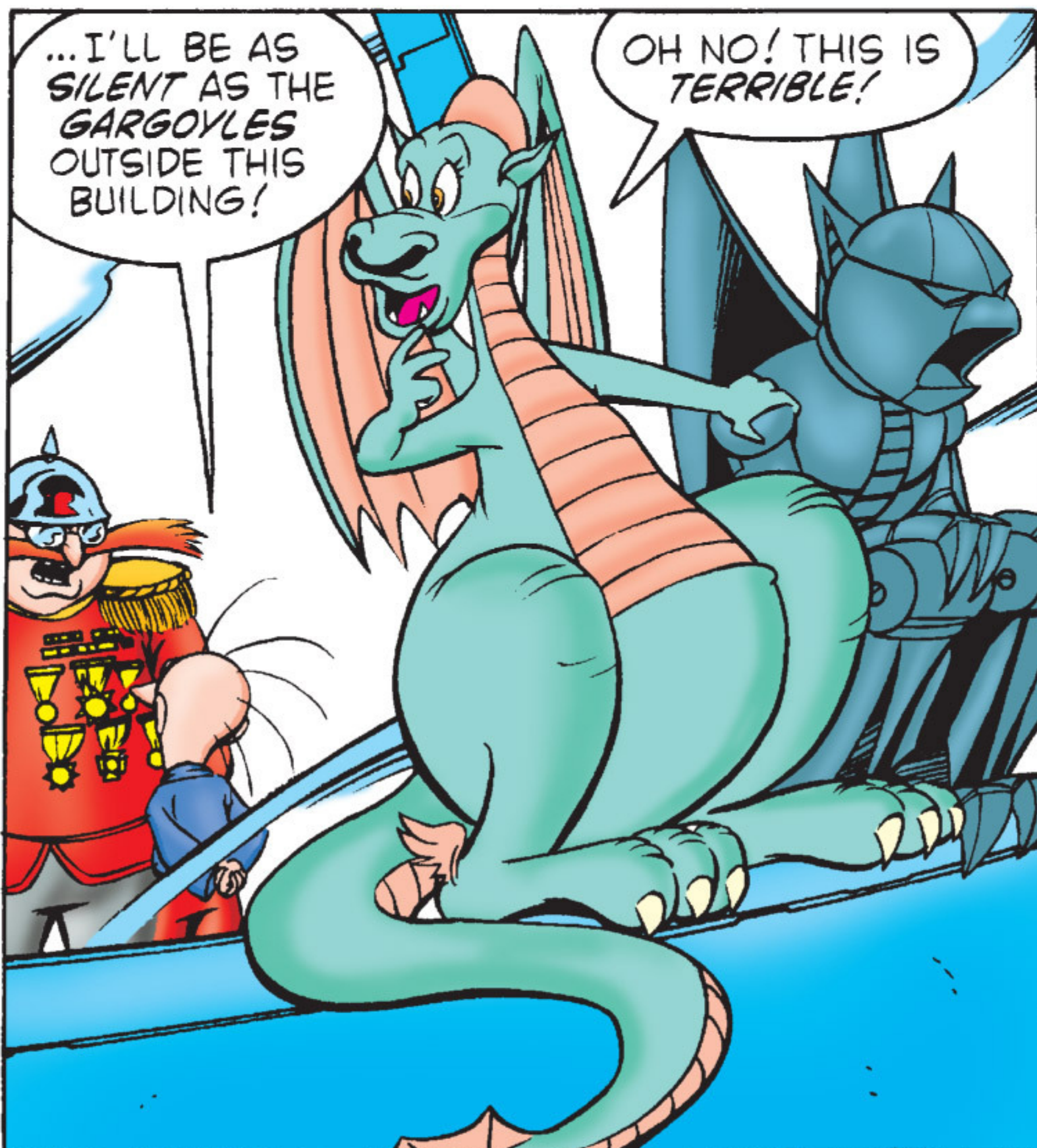
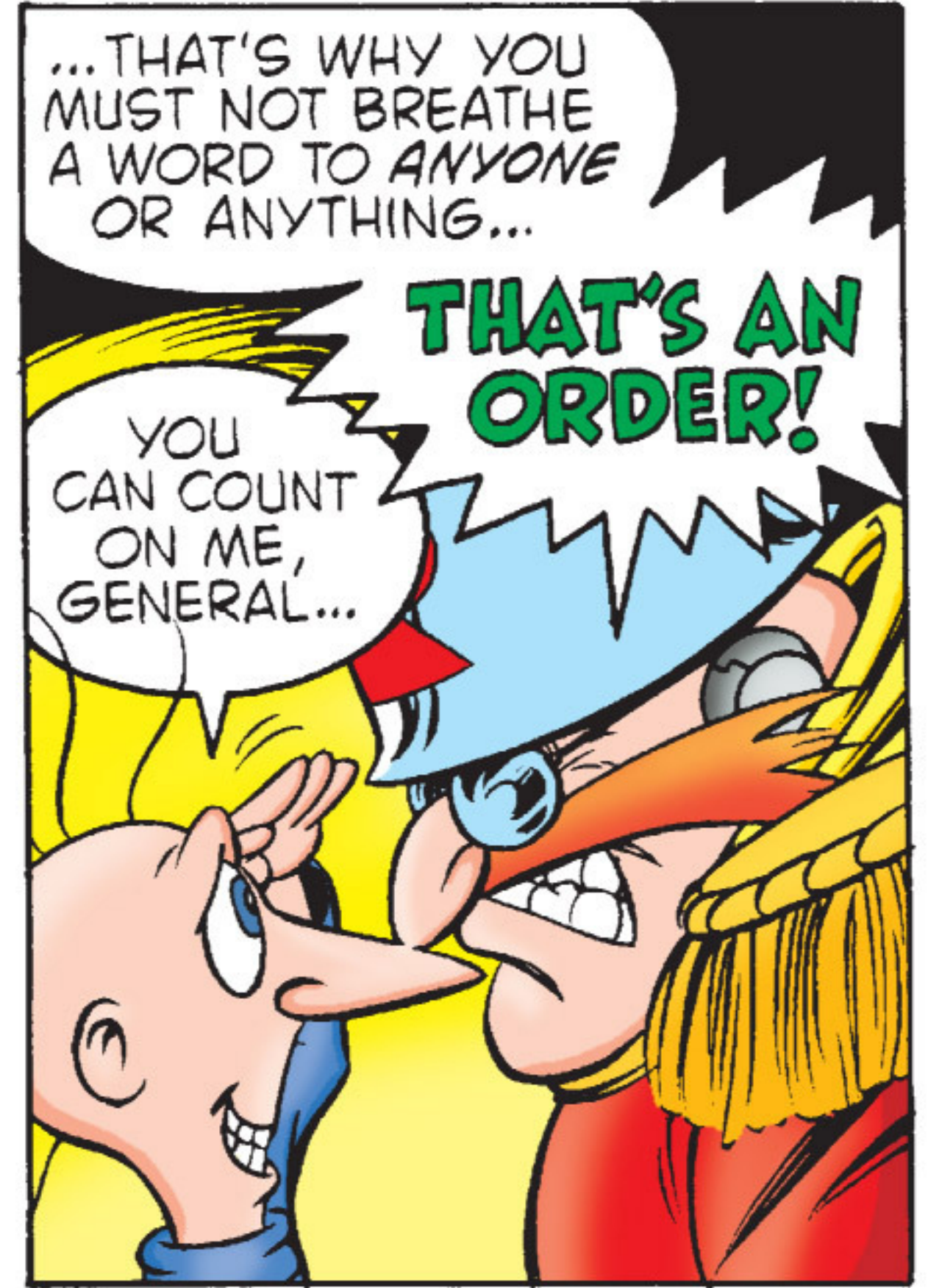
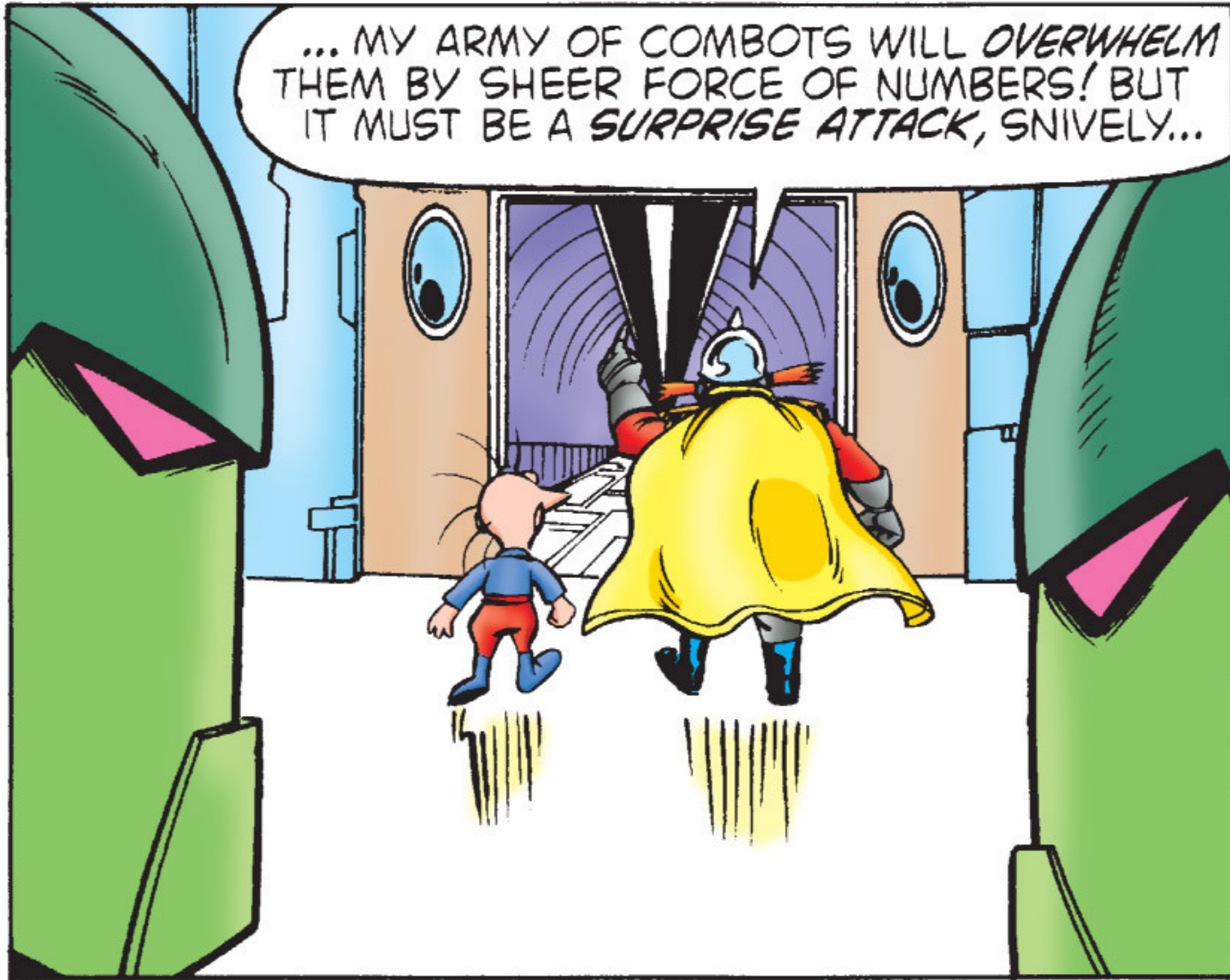
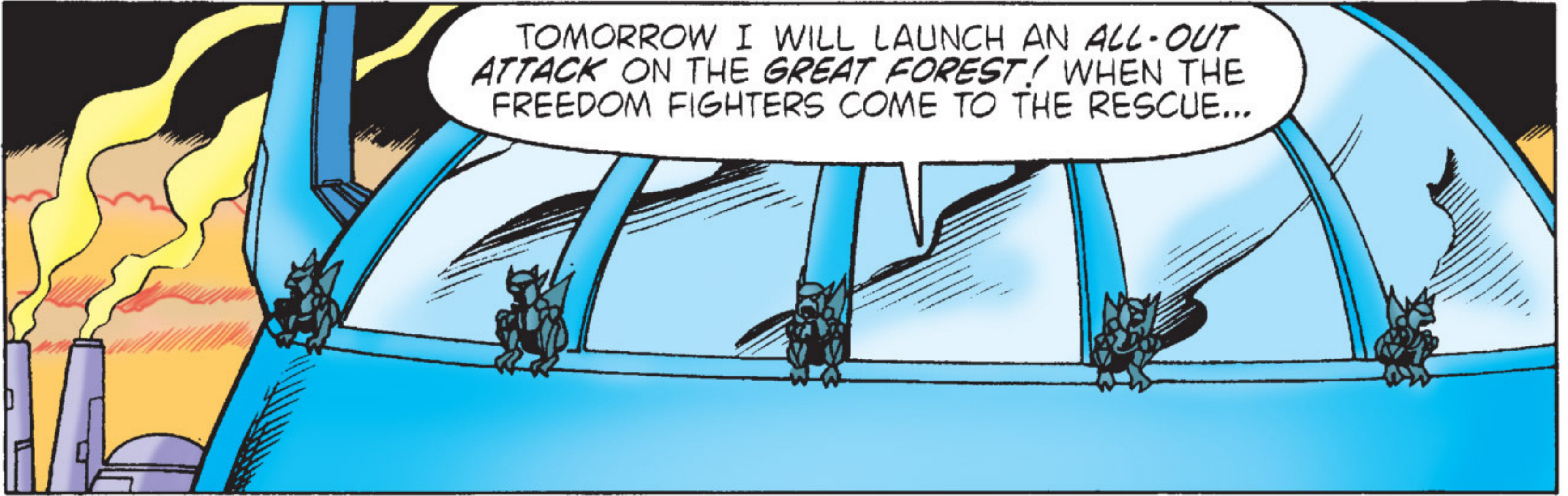
V-V-VERY IMPRESSIVE, SIR... UH... I MEAN **GENERAL!** BUT WHY?



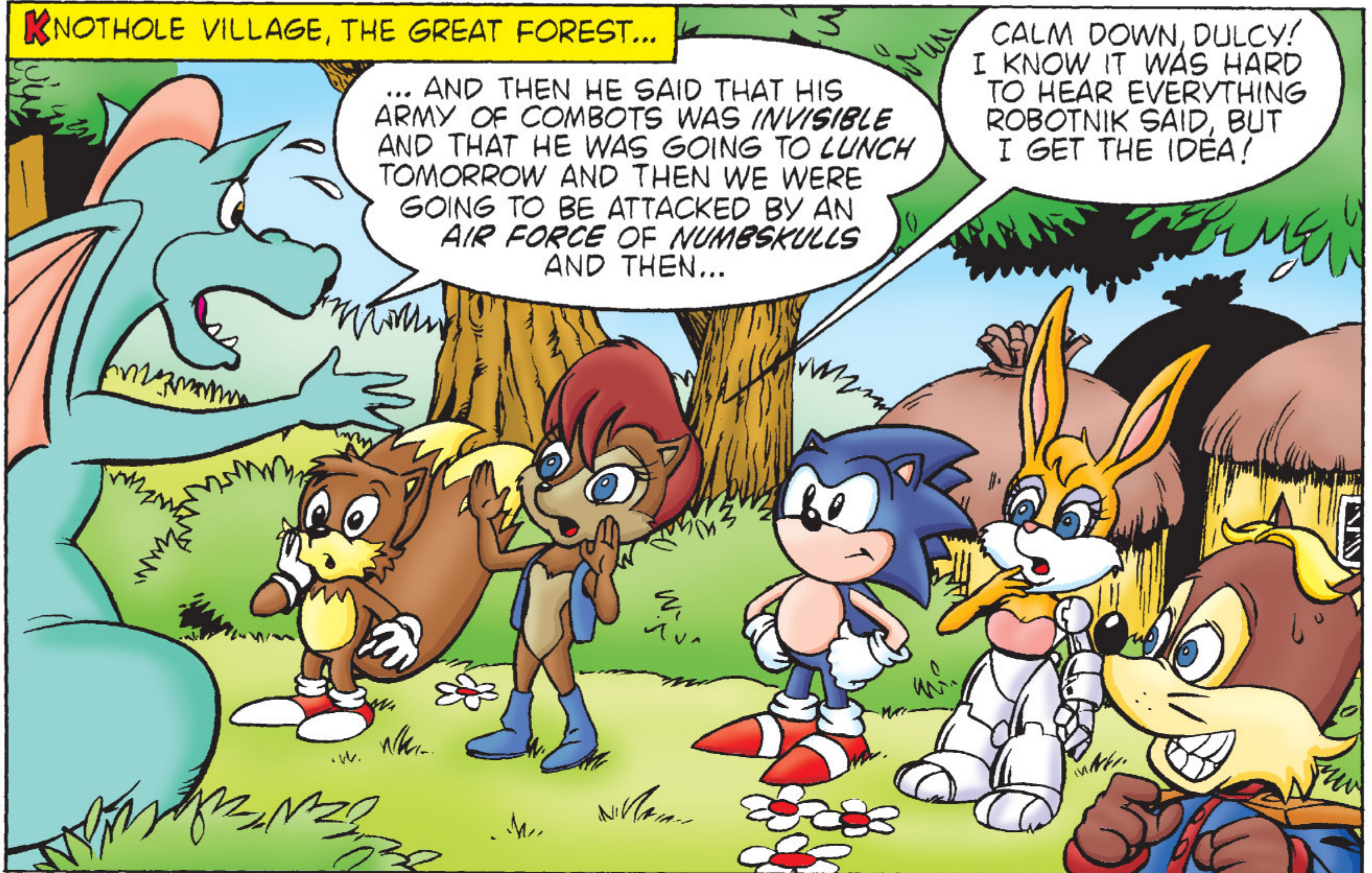
BECAUSE I'VE DECLARED **TOTAL WAR** ON SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! FOR THAT REASON, I'VE CREATED THE ULTIMATE COMBAT MACHINE...



... THE **COMBOT!** IMAGINE AN ENTIRE ARMY OF INVINCIBLE SOLDIER 'BOTS, ALL WITH A SINGLE PURPOSE... TO GET THAT MISERABLE **HEDGE-RAT** AND HIS FRIENDS!



KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, THE GREAT FOREST...



... AND THEN HE SAID THAT HIS ARMY OF COMBOTS WAS *INVISIBLE* AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO LUNCH TOMORROW AND THEN WE WERE GOING TO BE ATTACKED BY AN AIR FORCE OF NUMBSKULLS AND THEN...

CALM DOWN, DULCY! I KNOW IT WAS HARD TO HEAR EVERYTHING ROBOTNIK SAID, BUT I GET THE IDEA!

WE'VE GOT TO DESTROY THE ARMY OF COMBOTS WHILE THEY'RE ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE!



THAT'S A JOB FOR ME AND MUTTSKI, SALLY! WE KNOW OUR WAY AROUND ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS BETTER THAN ANYONE!



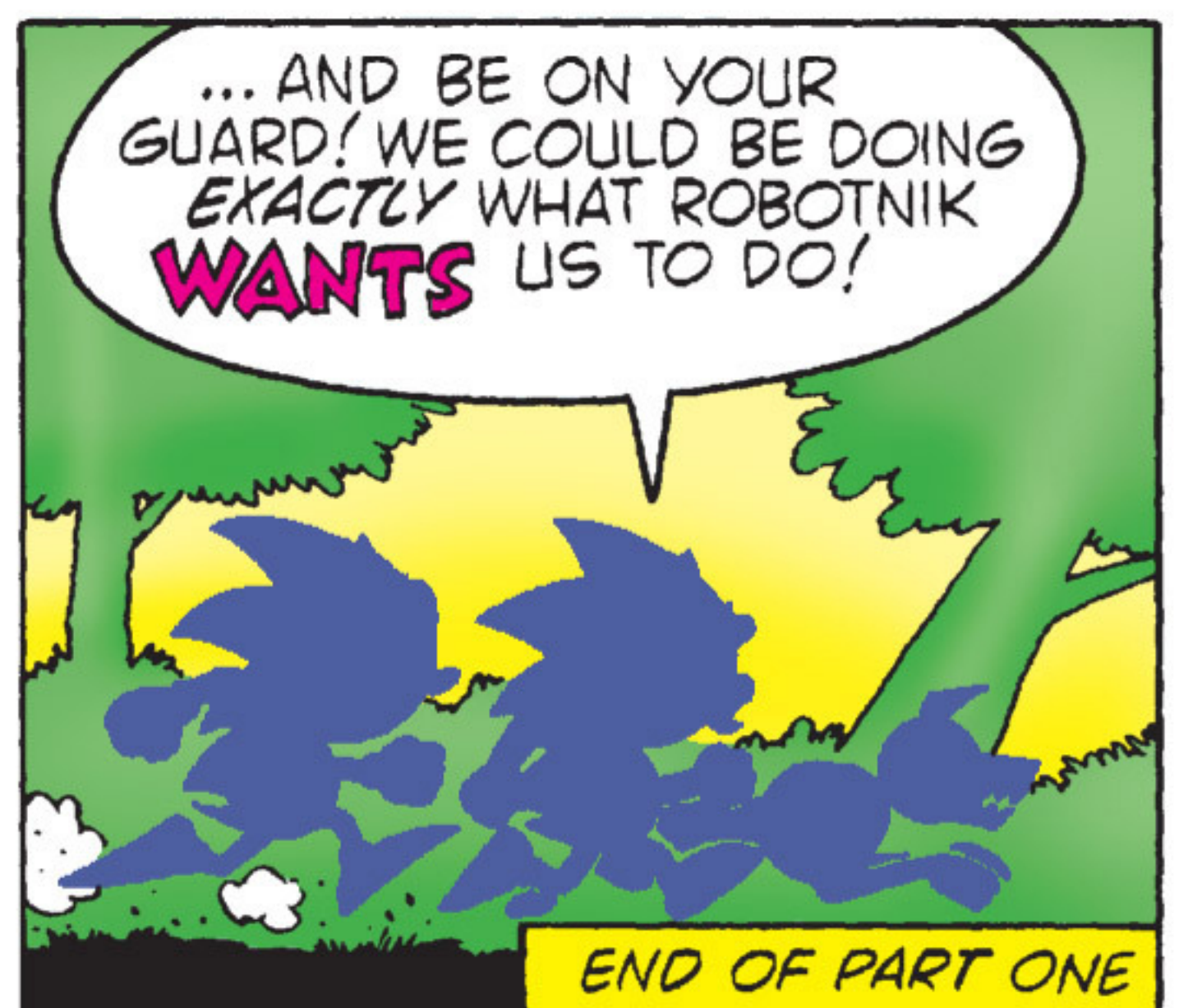
NO WAY ARE YOU GOING ON THIS MISSION WITHOUT ME, UNC!

AGREED! THE THREE OF YOU WILL LEAVE FOR ROBOTROPOLIS IMMEDIATELY! GOOD LUCK!



LET'S GO, NEPHEW...

... AND BE ON YOUR GUARD! WE COULD BE DOING EXACTLY WHAT ROBOTNIK **WANTS** US TO DO!



END OF PART ONE

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

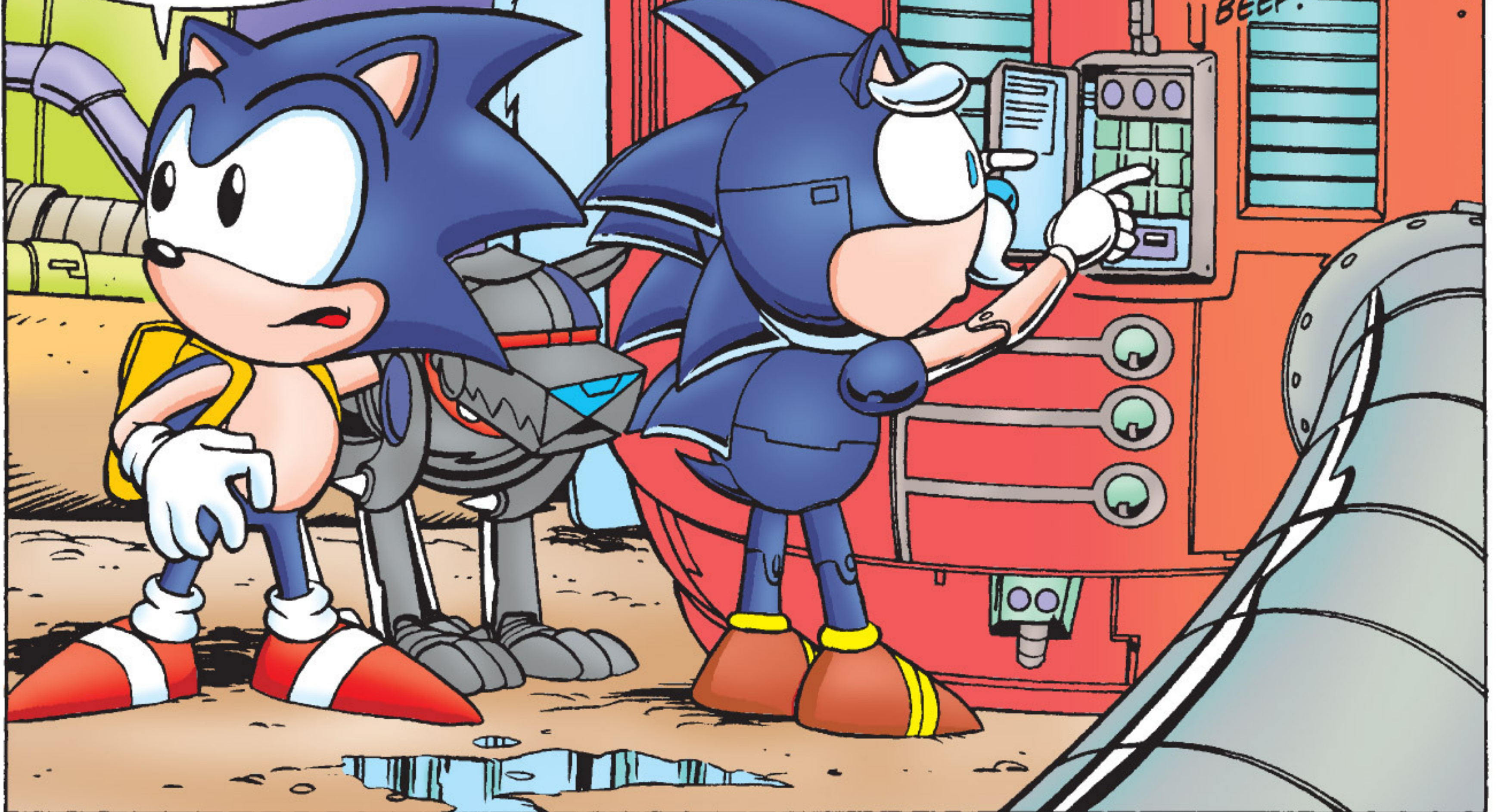
IN TO 'BOT OR NOT TO 'BOT! PART TWO

AS GLOOMY NIGHT FALLS ON ROBOTROPOLIS, SONIC, UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI ARE OUTSIDE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS...

JUST GET US IN, UNCLE CHUCK! I'LL DO THE REST!

I KNOW ALL OF ROBOTNIK'S ACCESS CODES, SO GETTING THROUGH SECURITY SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM... STILL, IT'S ODD THAT HE HASN'T CHANGED HIS CODES SINCE I ESCAPED!

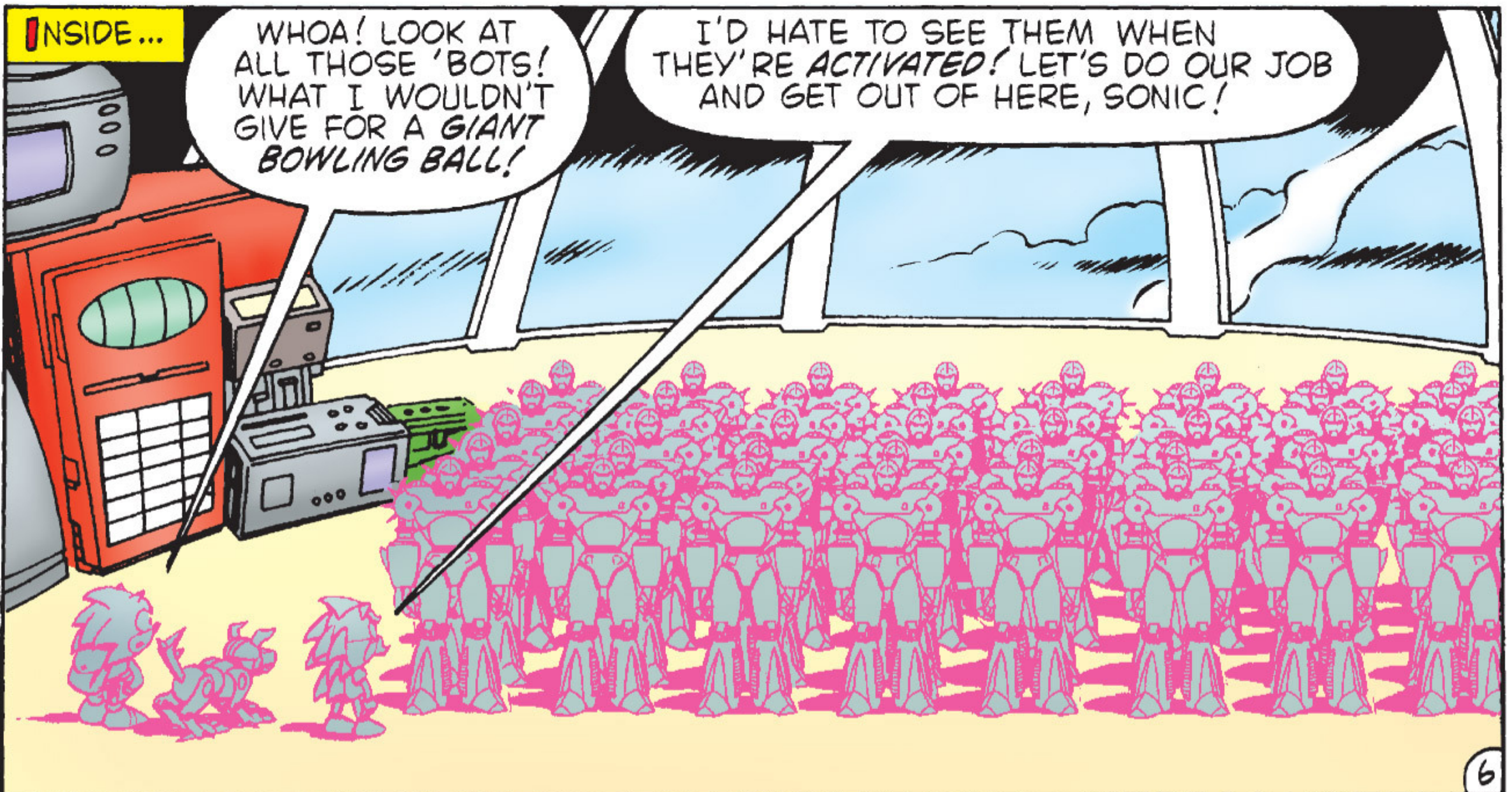
BEEP!
BOOP-
BEEP!

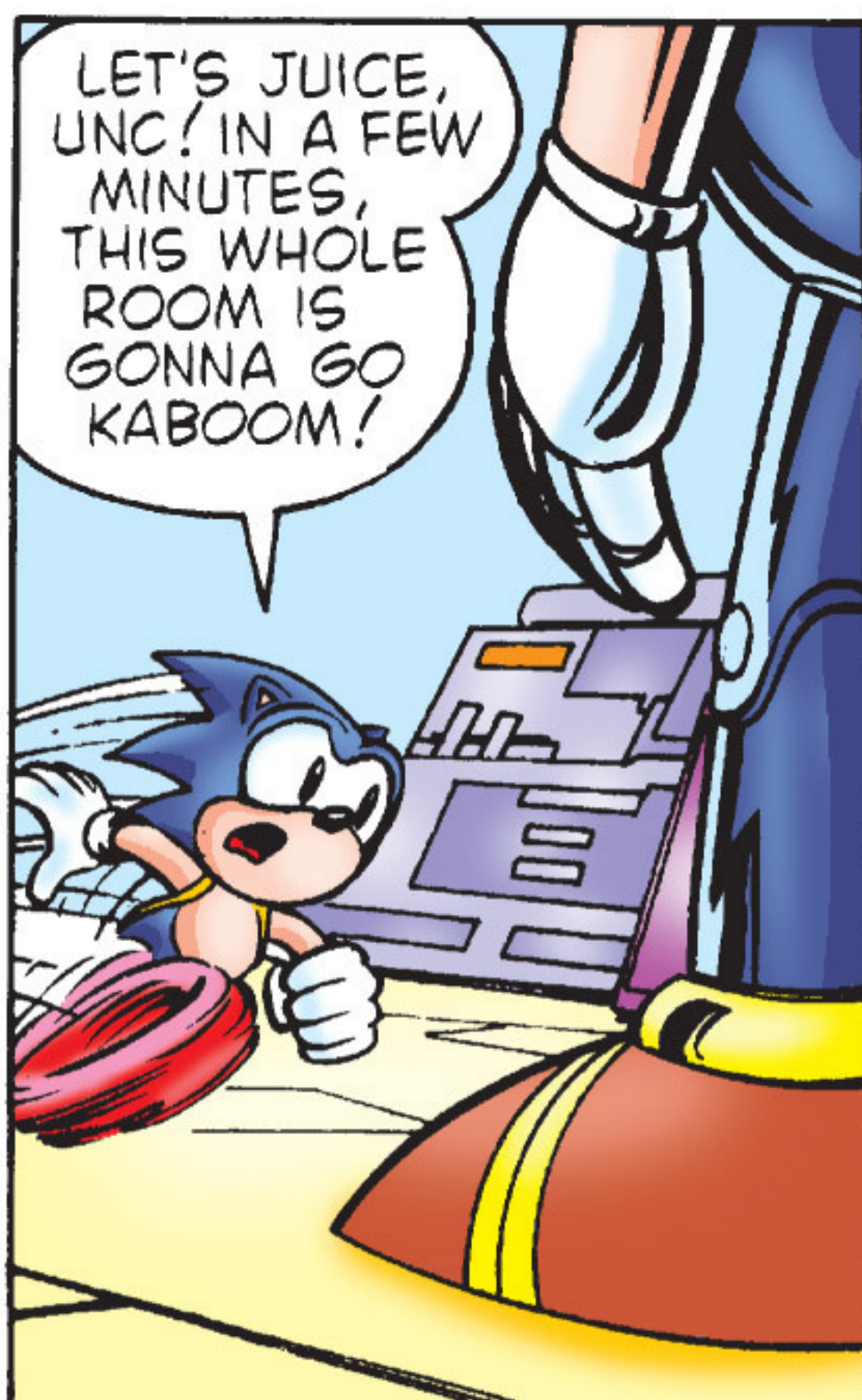
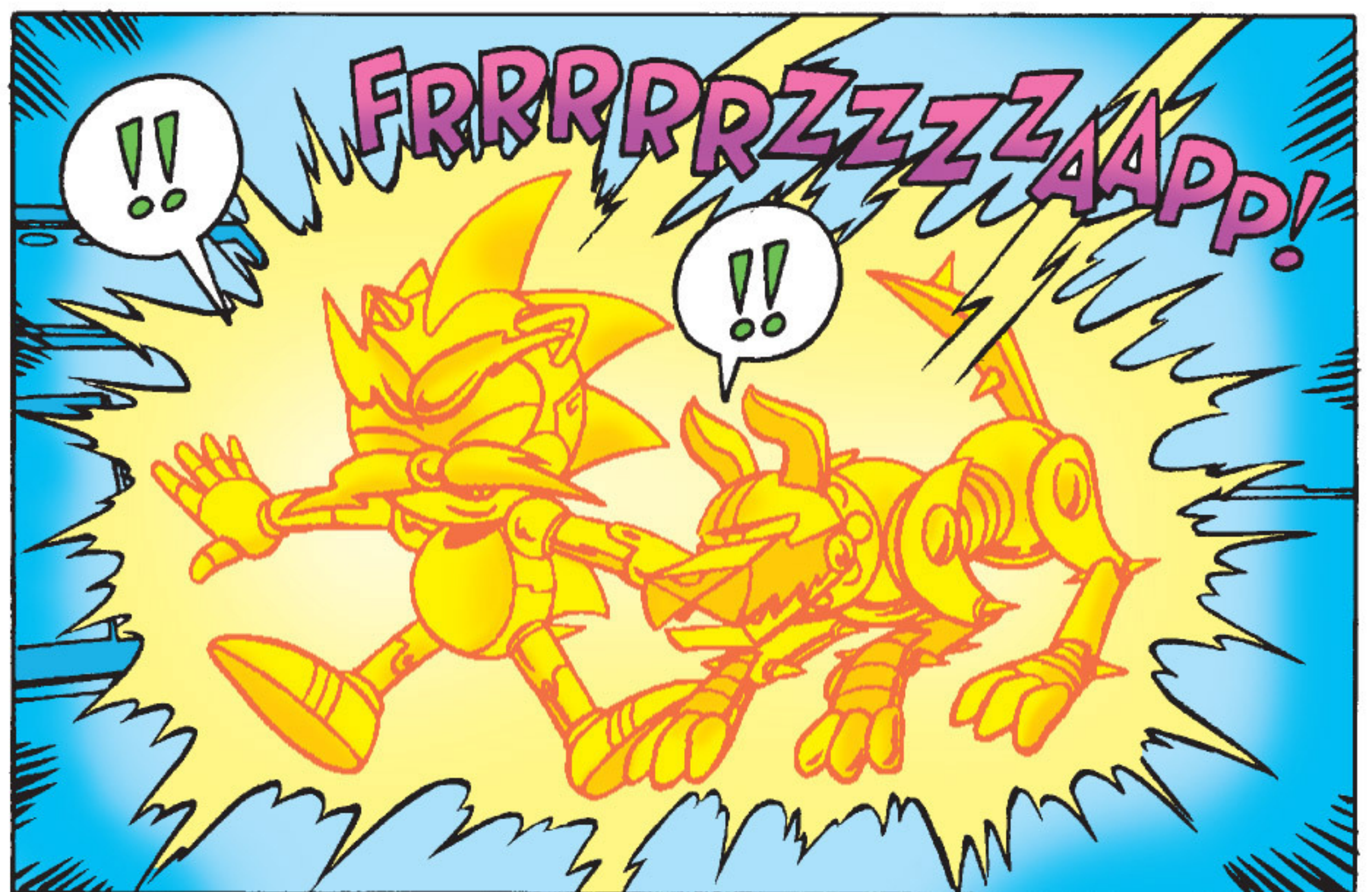
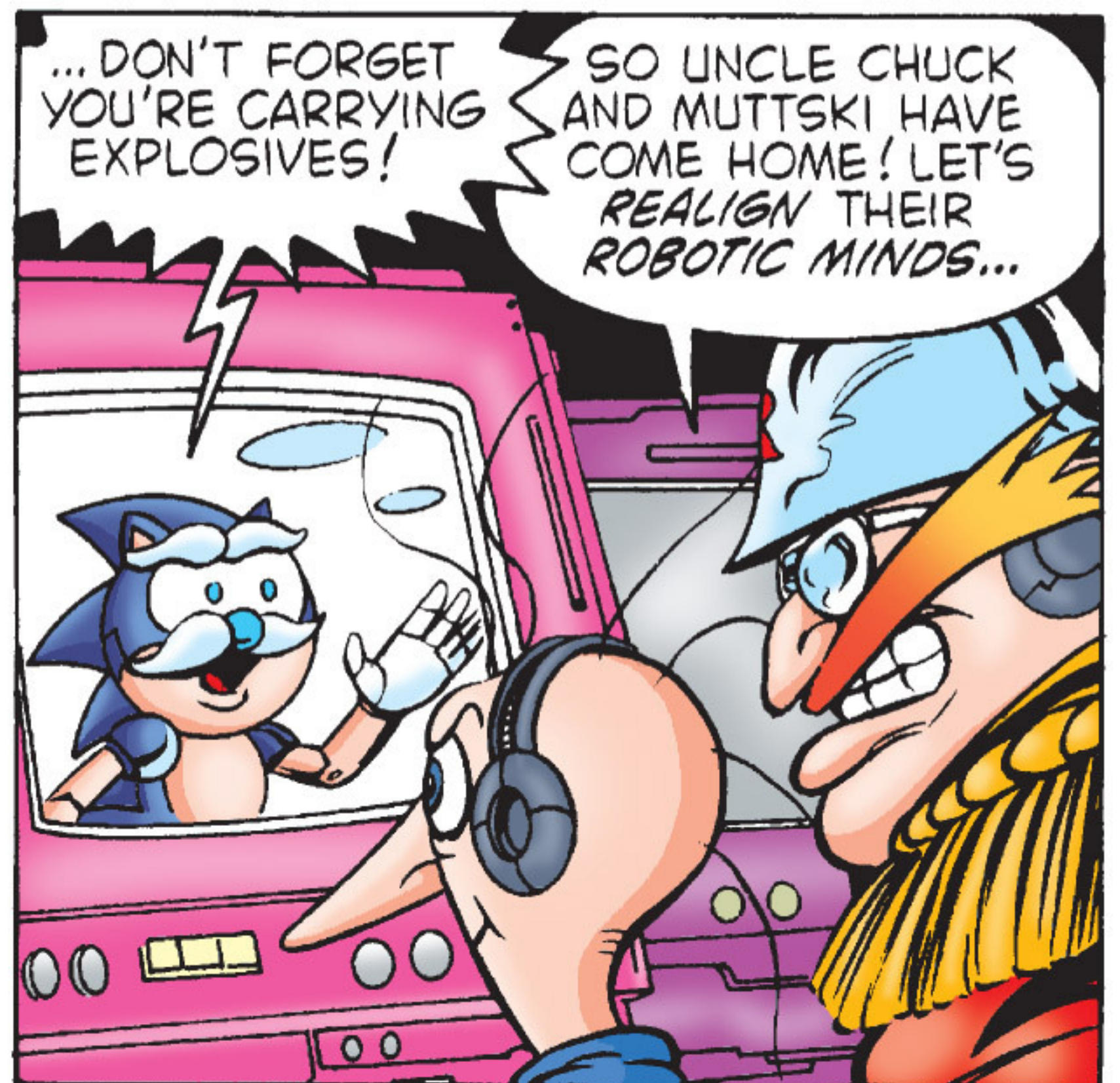
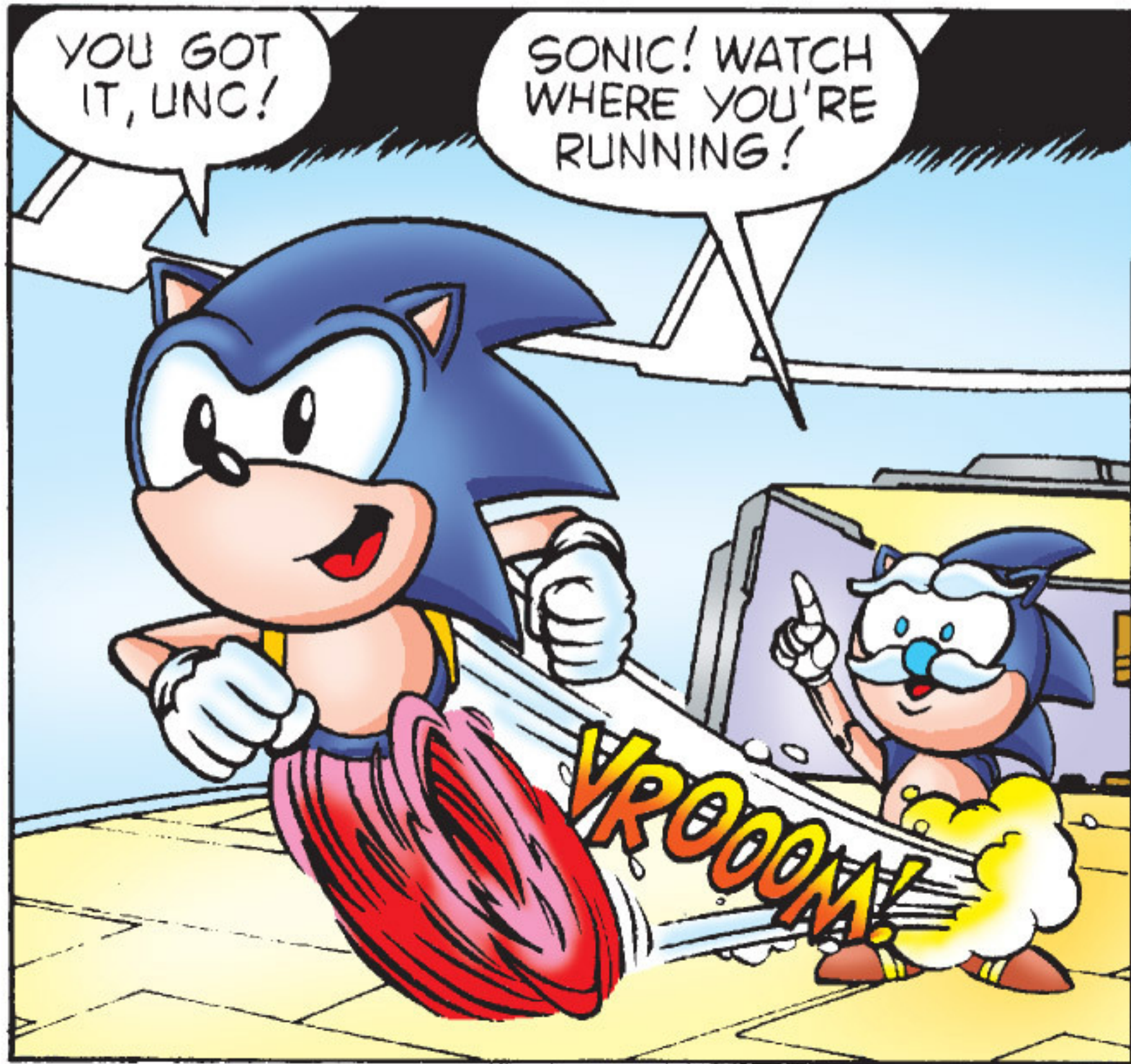


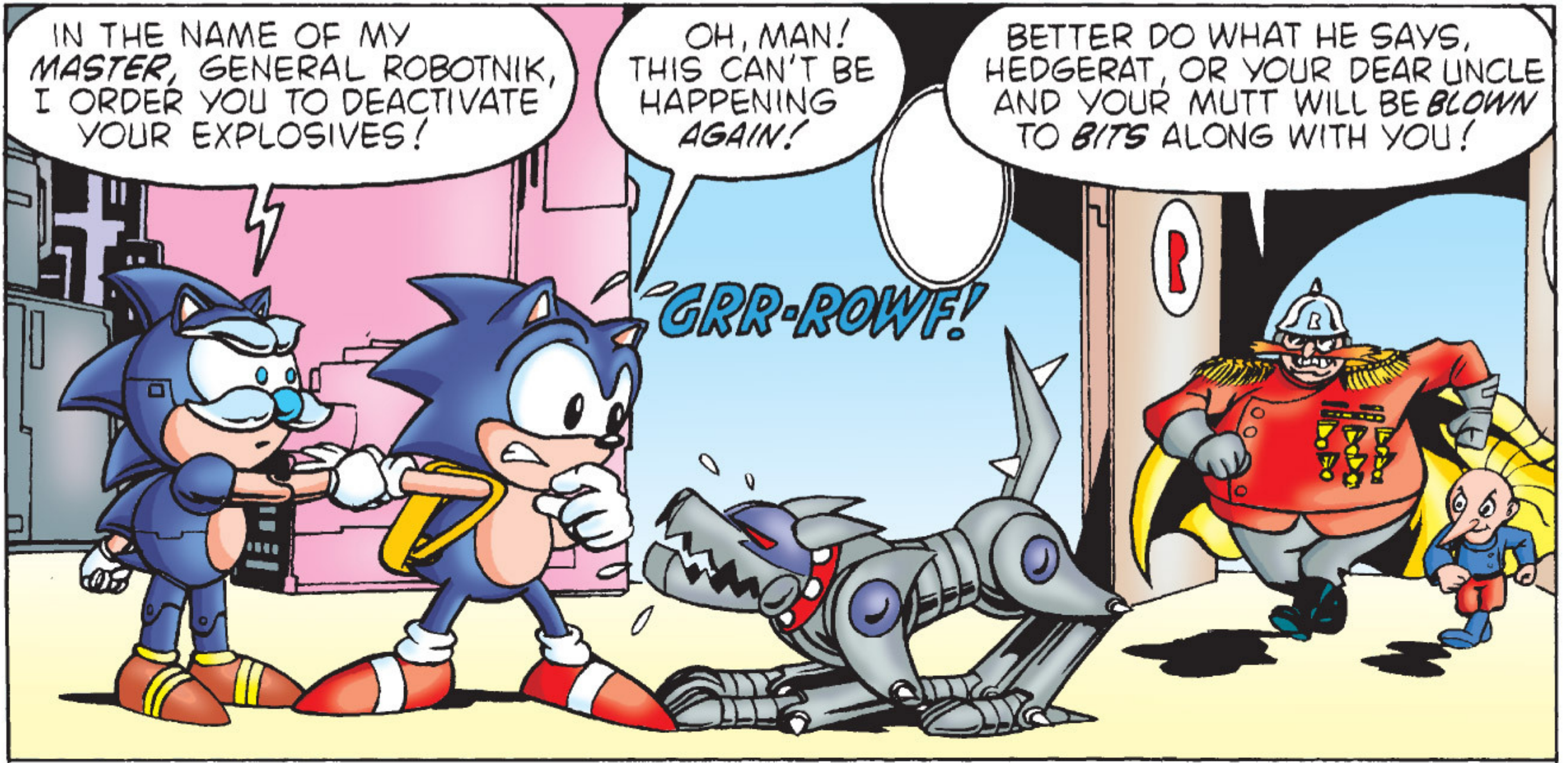
INSIDE...

WHOA! LOOK AT ALL THOSE 'BOTS! WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR A GIANT BOWLING BALL!

I'D HATE TO SEE THEM WHEN THEY'RE ACTIVATED! LET'S DO OUR JOB AND GET OUT OF HERE, SONIC!





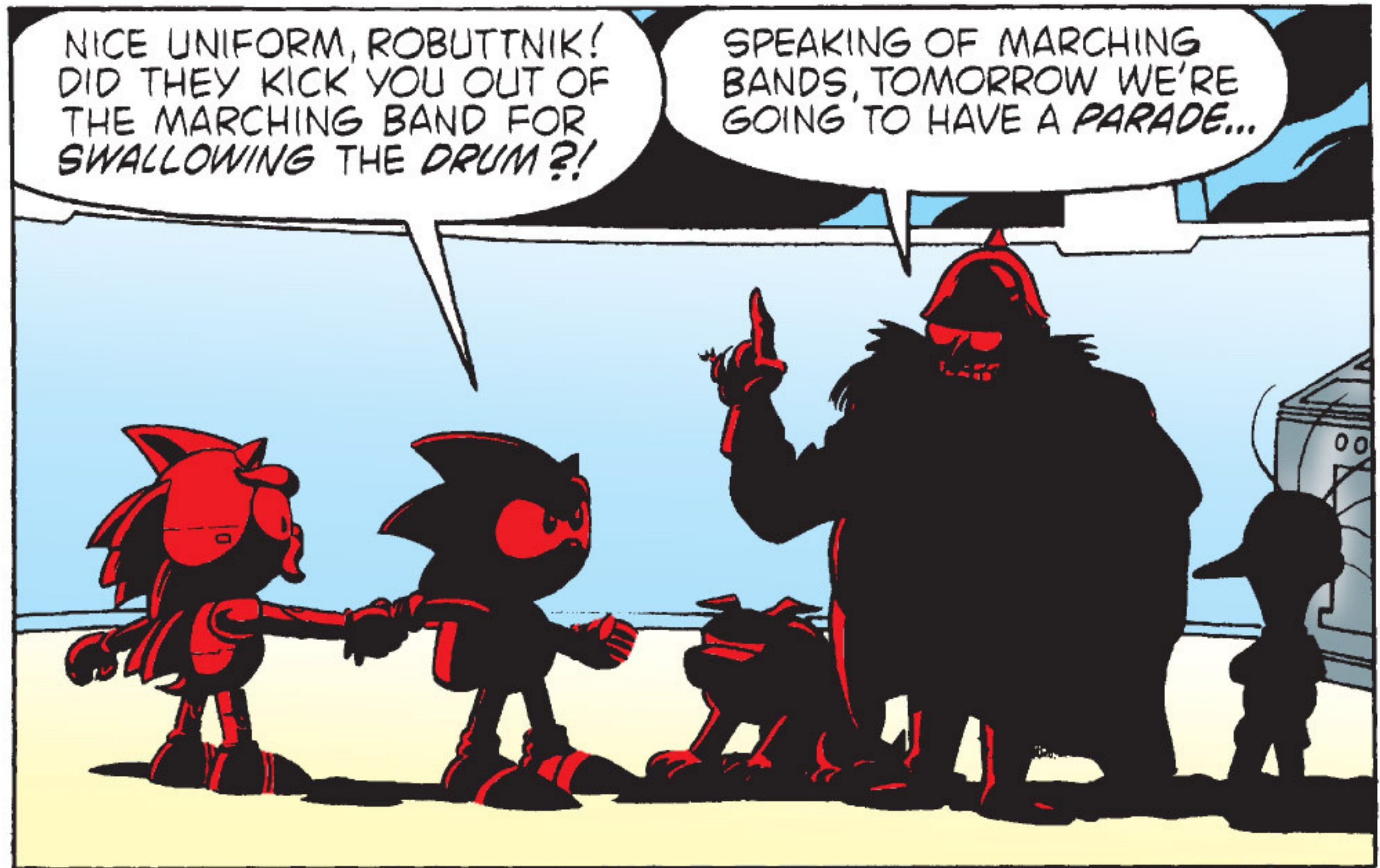


IN THE NAME OF MY MASTER, GENERAL ROBOTNIK, I ORDER YOU TO DEACTIVATE YOUR EXPLOSIVES!

OH, MAN! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING AGAIN!

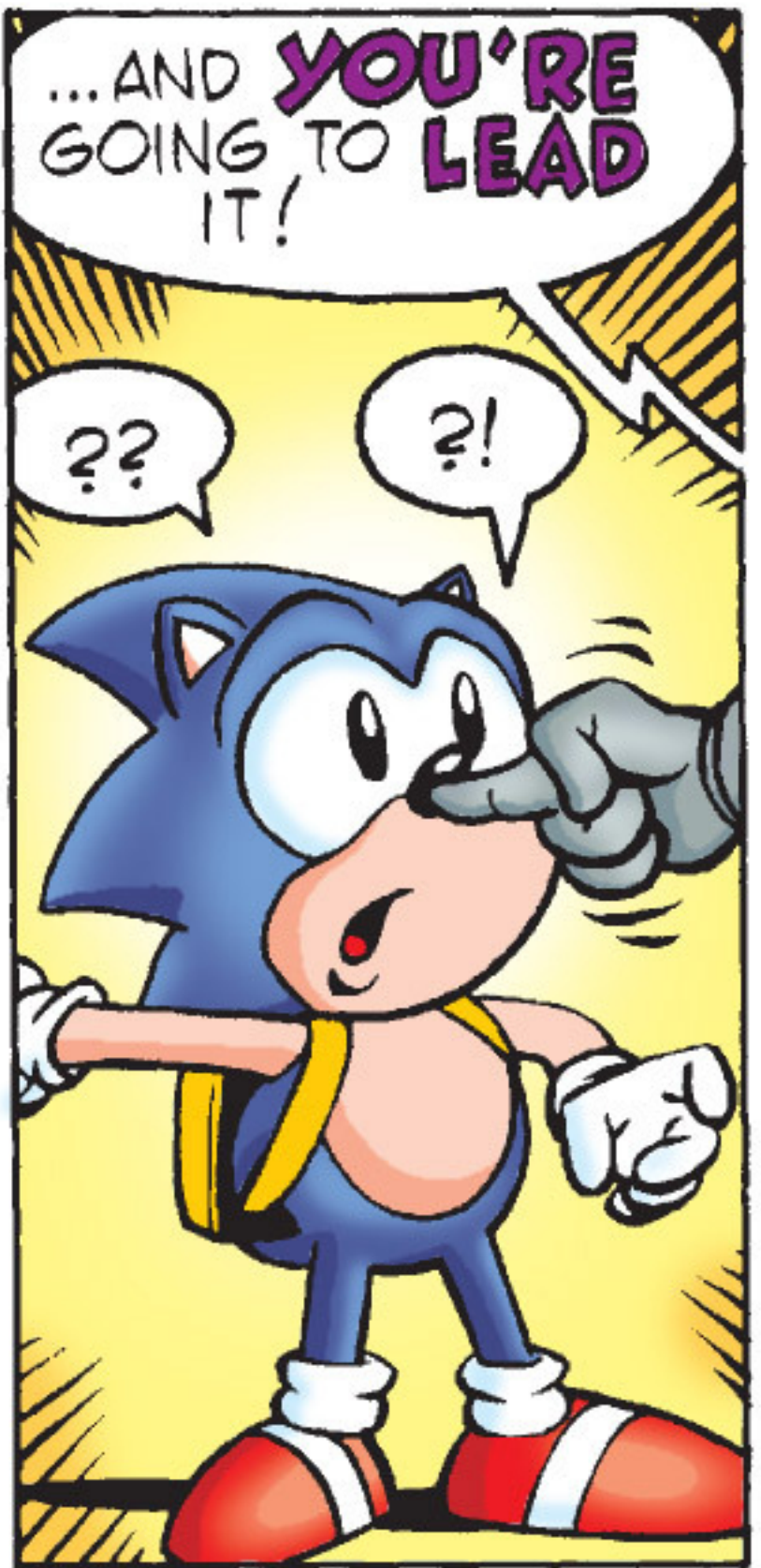
BETTER DO WHAT HE SAYS, HEDGERAT, OR YOUR DEAR UNCLE AND YOUR MUTT WILL BE BLOWN TO BITS ALONG WITH YOU!

GRR-ROWF!



NICE UNIFORM, ROBOTNIK! DID THEY KICK YOU OUT OF THE MARCHING BAND FOR SWALLOWING THE DRUM?!

SPEAKING OF MARCHING BANDS, TOMORROW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PARADE...

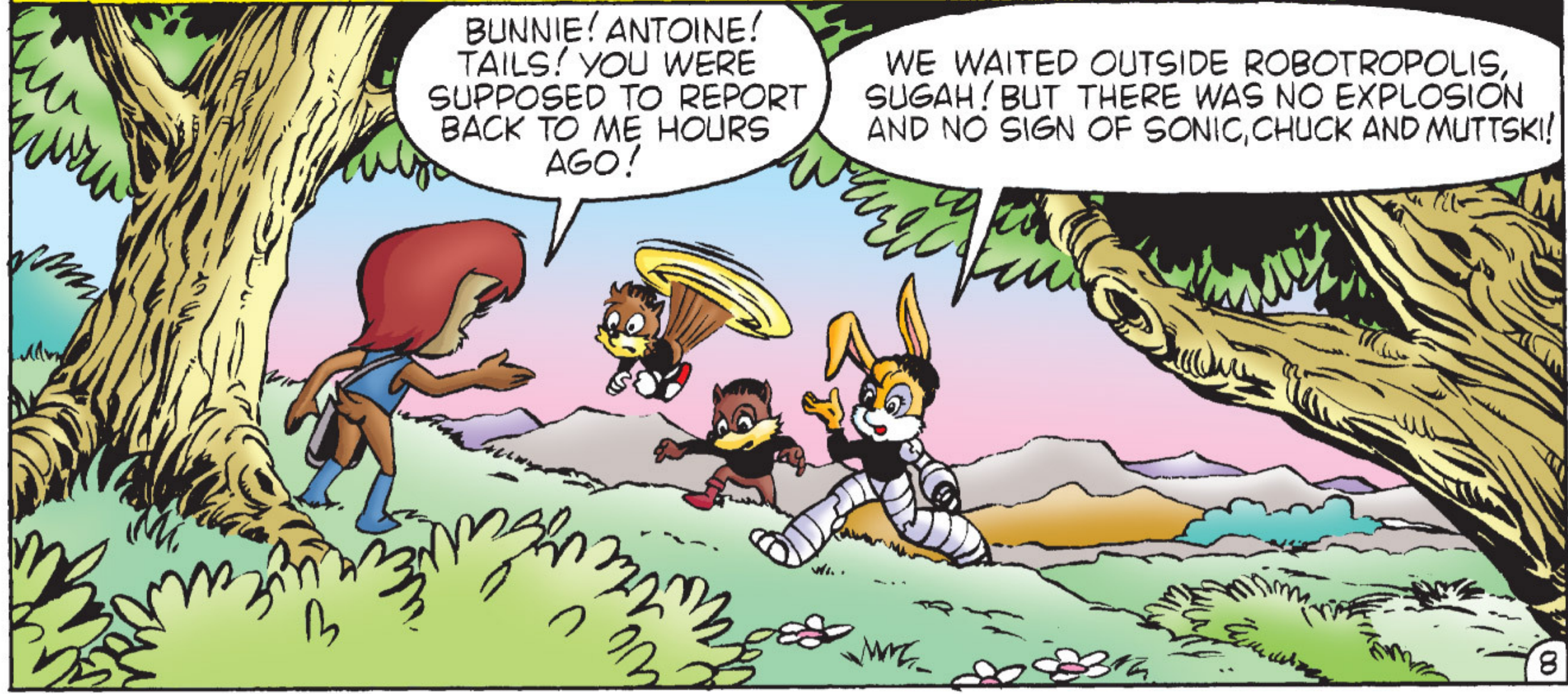


...AND YOU'RE GOING TO LEAD IT!

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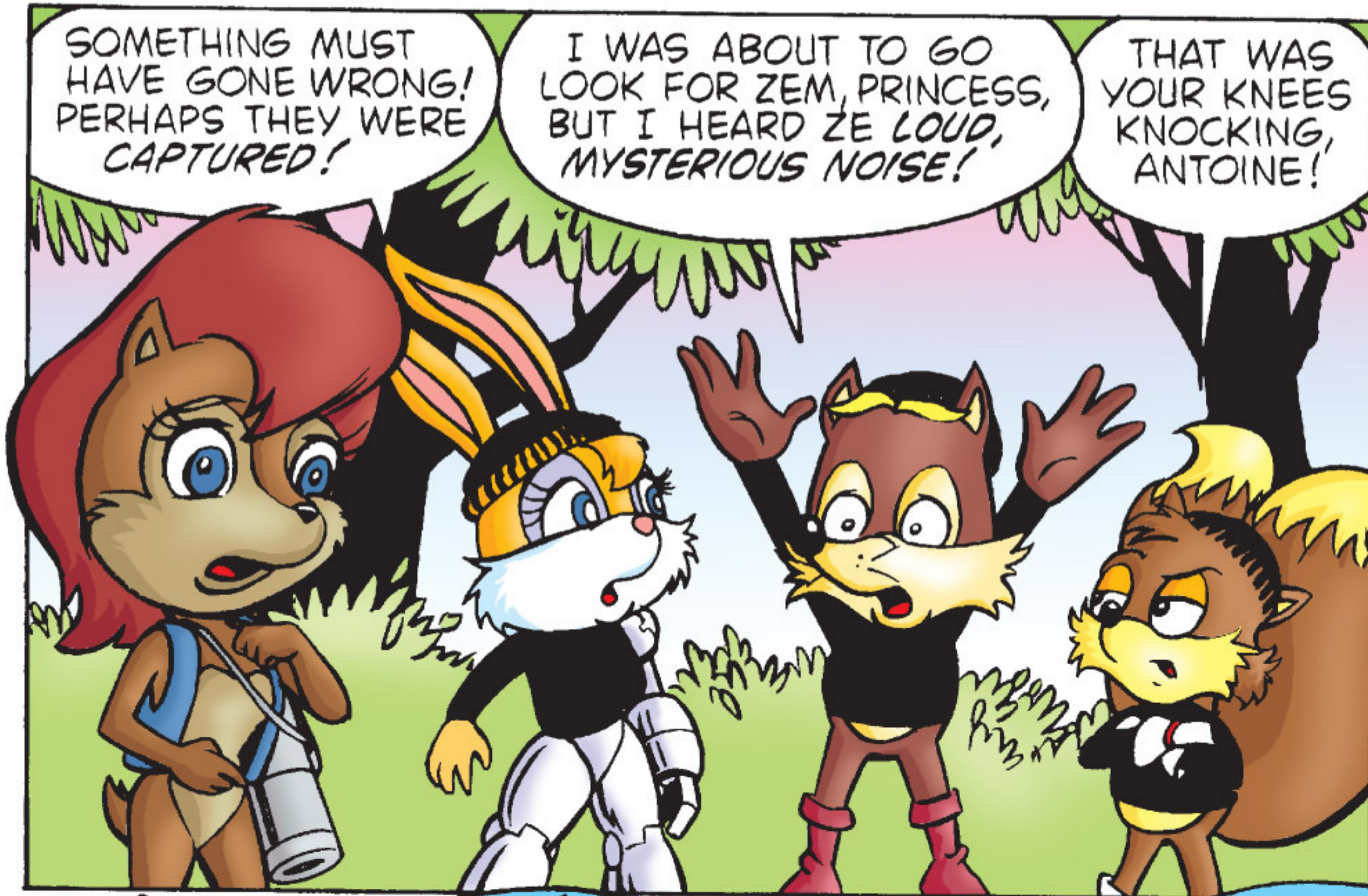
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DAWN, THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT THE EDGE OF THE GREAT FOREST...



BUNNIE! ANTOINE! TAILS! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO REPORT BACK TO ME HOURS AGO!

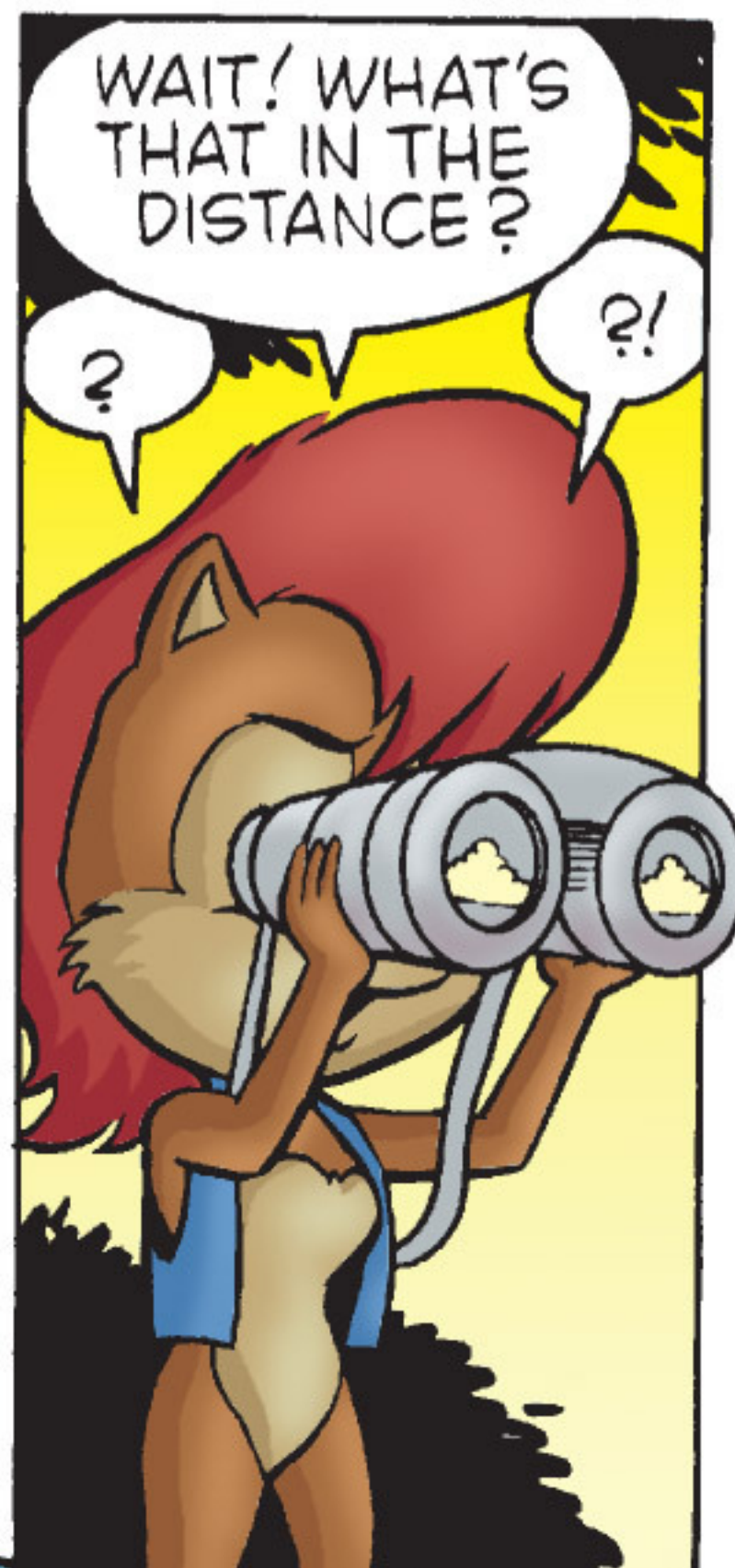
WE WAITED OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS, SUGAH! BUT THERE WAS NO EXPLOSION AND NO SIGN OF SONIC, CHUCK AND MUTTSKI!



SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG! PERHAPS THEY WERE CAPTURED!

I WAS ABOUT TO GO LOOK FOR ZEM, PRINCESS, BUT I HEARD ZE LOUD, MYSTERIOUS NOISE!

THAT WAS YOUR KNEES KNOCKING, ANTOINE!



WAIT! WHAT'S THAT IN THE DISTANCE?

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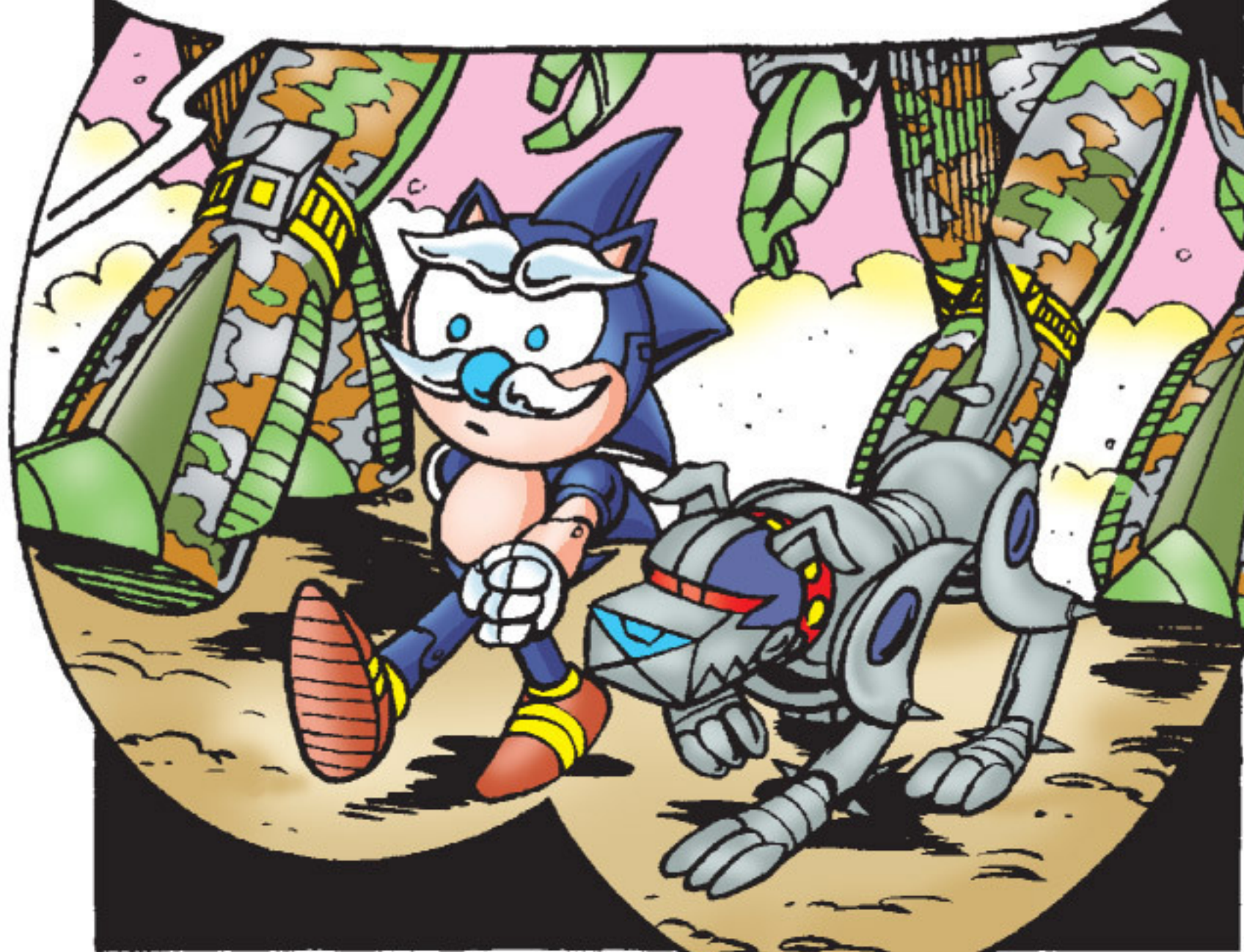
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OH NO! ROBOTNIK'S ARMY IS ON THE MARCH ...AND THEY'VE TAKEN SONIC PRISONER!

I HOPE FOR YOUR SAKE YOUR FRIENDS DON'T **ATTACK** US, HEDGEHOG!

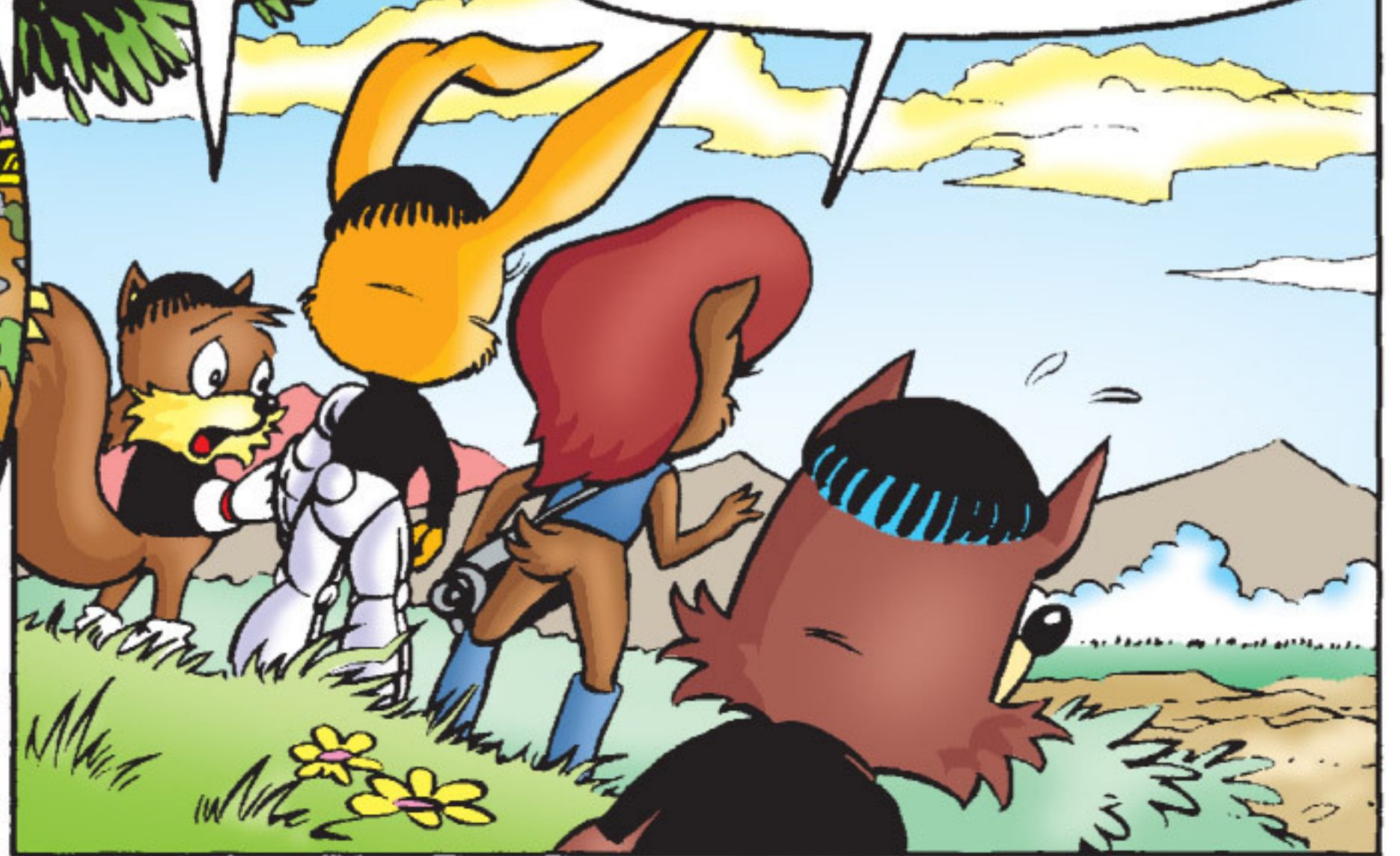


UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI ARE MARCHING WITH THE 'BOTS! ROBOTNIK MUST HAVE REALIGNED THEIR MINDS!



WE'LL NEVER STOP ALL THOSE 'BOTS!

WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GATHER UP ALL FREE MOBIANS AND TAKE THEM TO OUR UNDERGROUND SHELTERS...

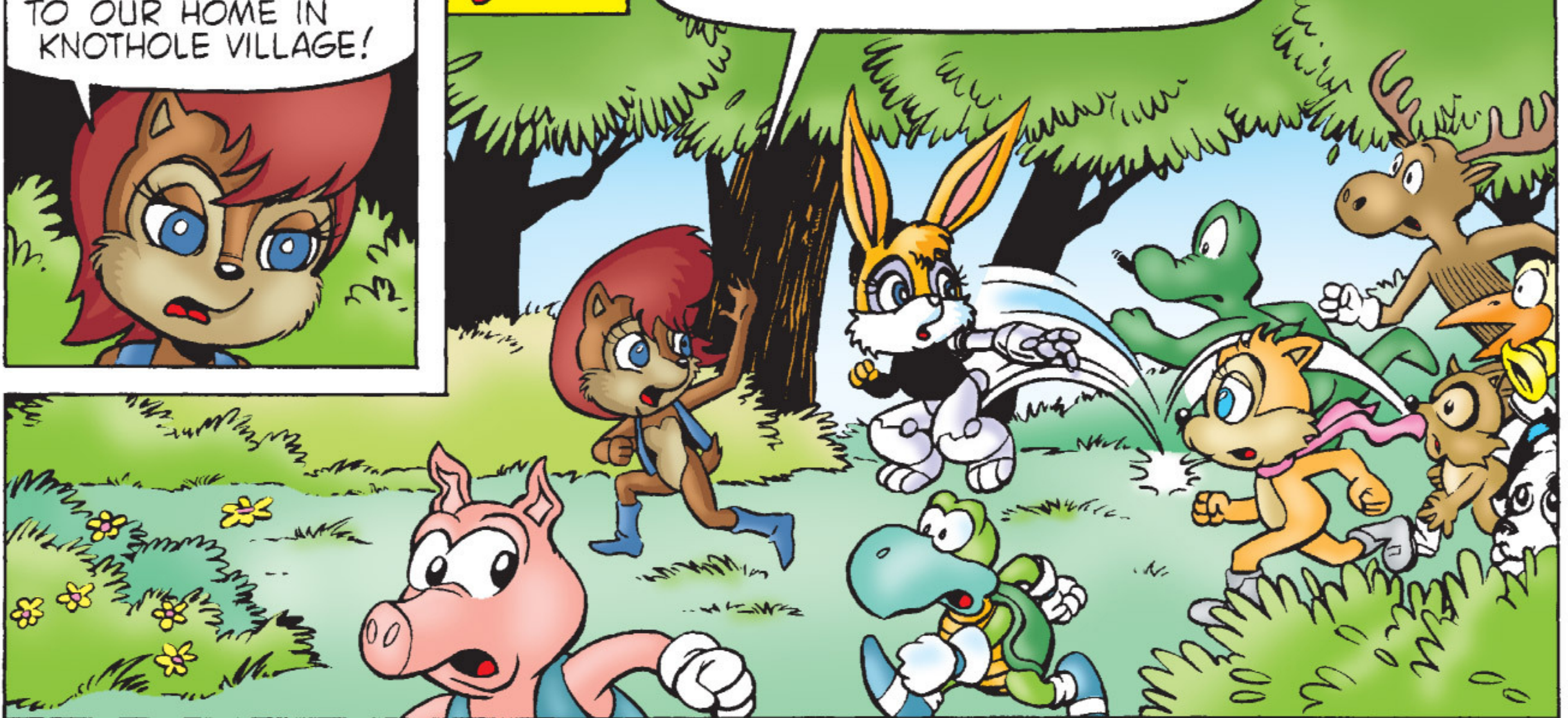


...AND SAY GOODBYE TO OUR HOME IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!



SOON...

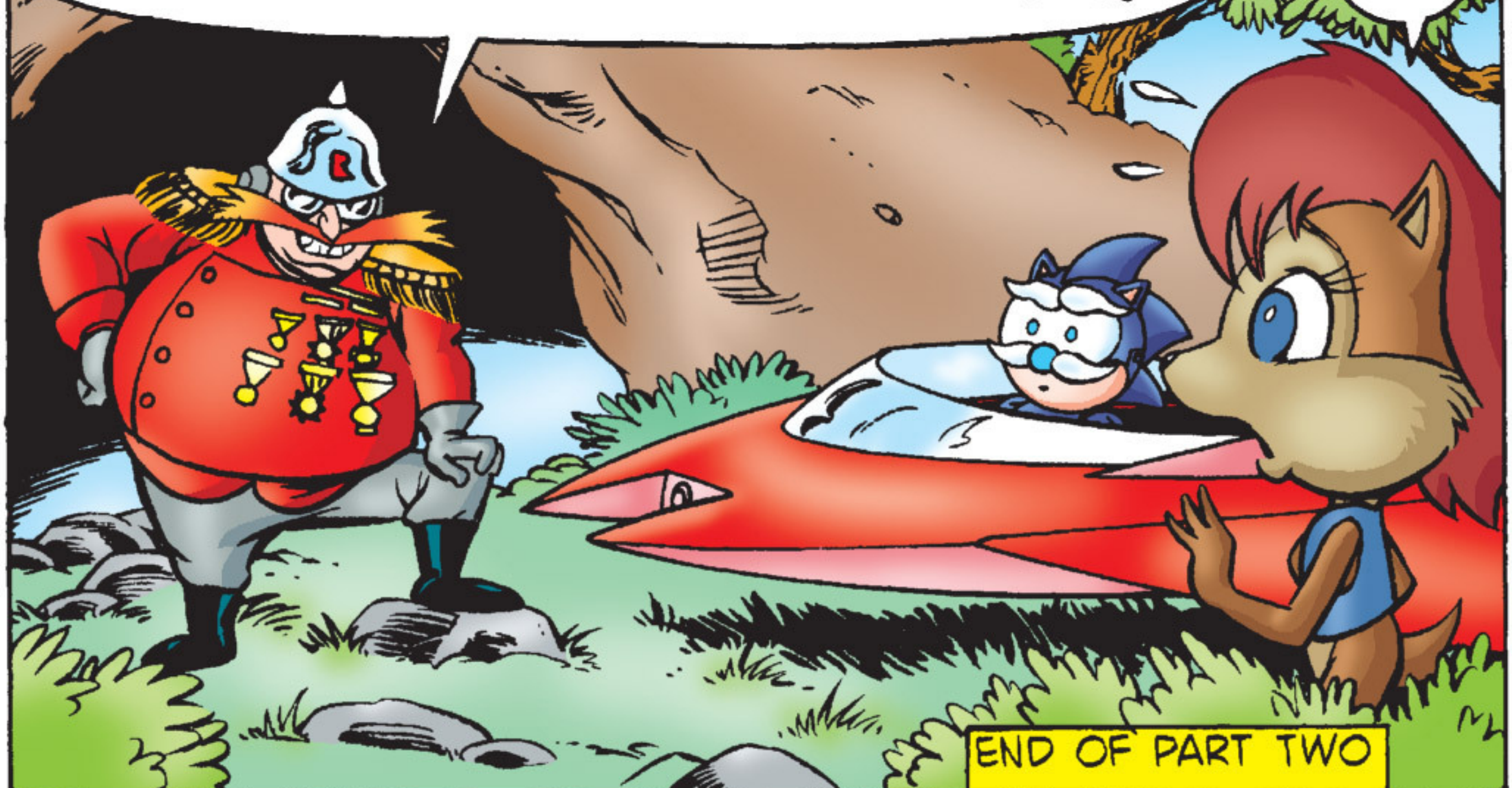
THIS WAY, EVERYONE! HURRY!



THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, PRINCESS!



UNCLE CHUCK WAS KIND ENOUGH TO FLY ME TO THE ENTRANCE TO YOUR SHELTER! CONGRATULATIONS... YOU ARE MY SECOND PRISONER OF WAR!!



END OF PART TWO

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IN TO 'BOT OR NOT TO 'BOT!

PART 3

YOU CAN STOP SOME OF US, ROBOTNIK, BUT YOU CAN'T STOP **ALL** OF US! **SOMEONE** WILL FIND A WAY TO BRING YOU DOWN!

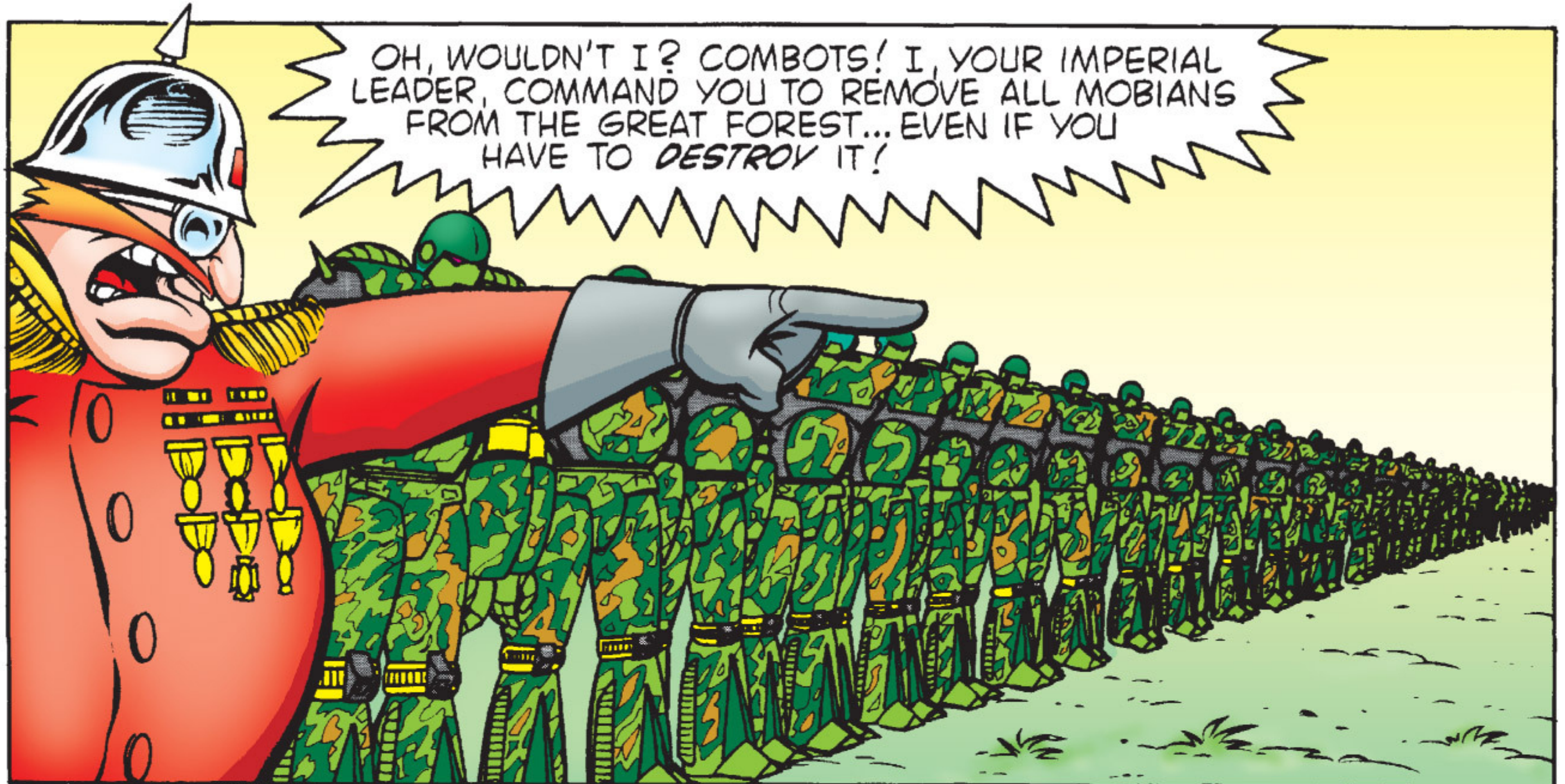


I'M AFRAID NOT, PRINCESS! YOU SEE, MY COMBOTS ARE PROGRAMMED TO SEEK OUT ALL **NON-ROBOTIC** MOBIANS!

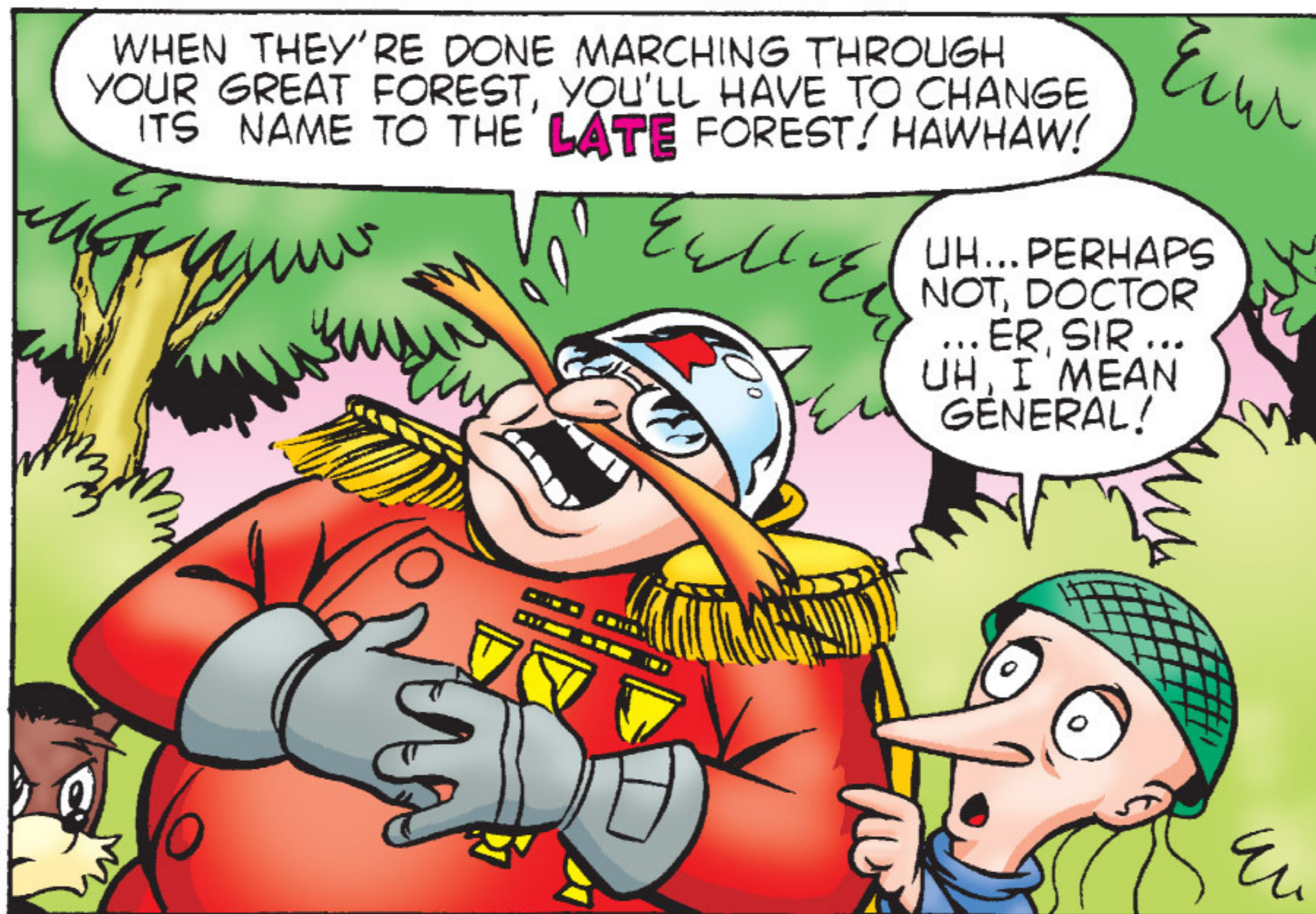


... AND NOTHING CAN PREVENT THEM FROM FOLLOWING ORDERS... EVEN IF THEY HAVE TO **DESTROY** THE GREAT FOREST DOWN TO THE LAST TWIG!





OH, WOULDN'T I? COMBOTS! I, YOUR IMPERIAL LEADER, COMMAND YOU TO REMOVE ALL MOBBIANS FROM THE GREAT FOREST... EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO DESTROY IT!

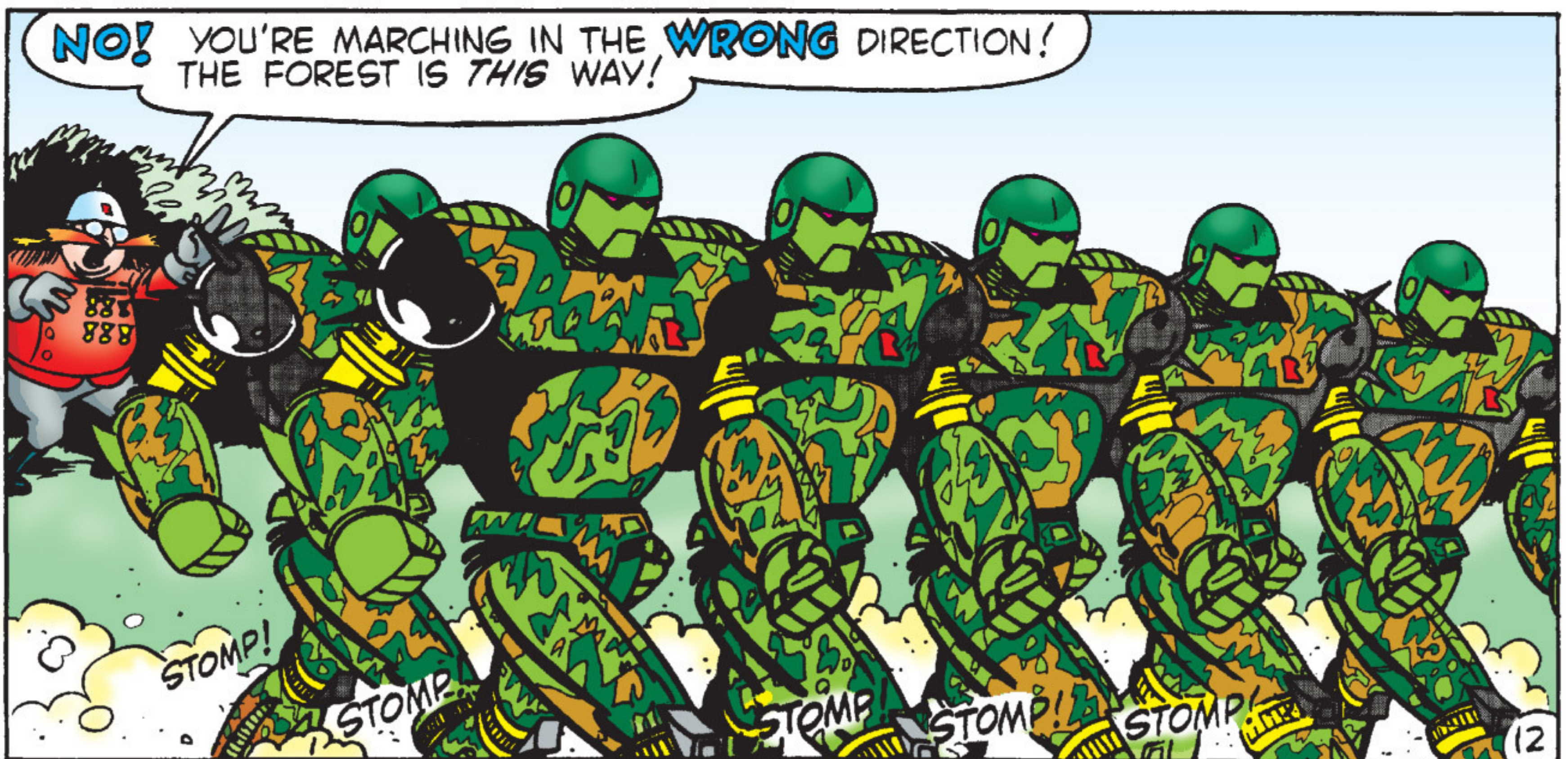


WHEN THEY'RE DONE MARCHING THROUGH YOUR GREAT FOREST, YOU'LL HAVE TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO THE **LATE** FOREST! HAWHAW!

UH... PERHAPS NOT, DOCTOR ... ER, SIR ... UH, I MEAN GENERAL!



BE QUIET, SNIVELY! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M... I'M... I'M...



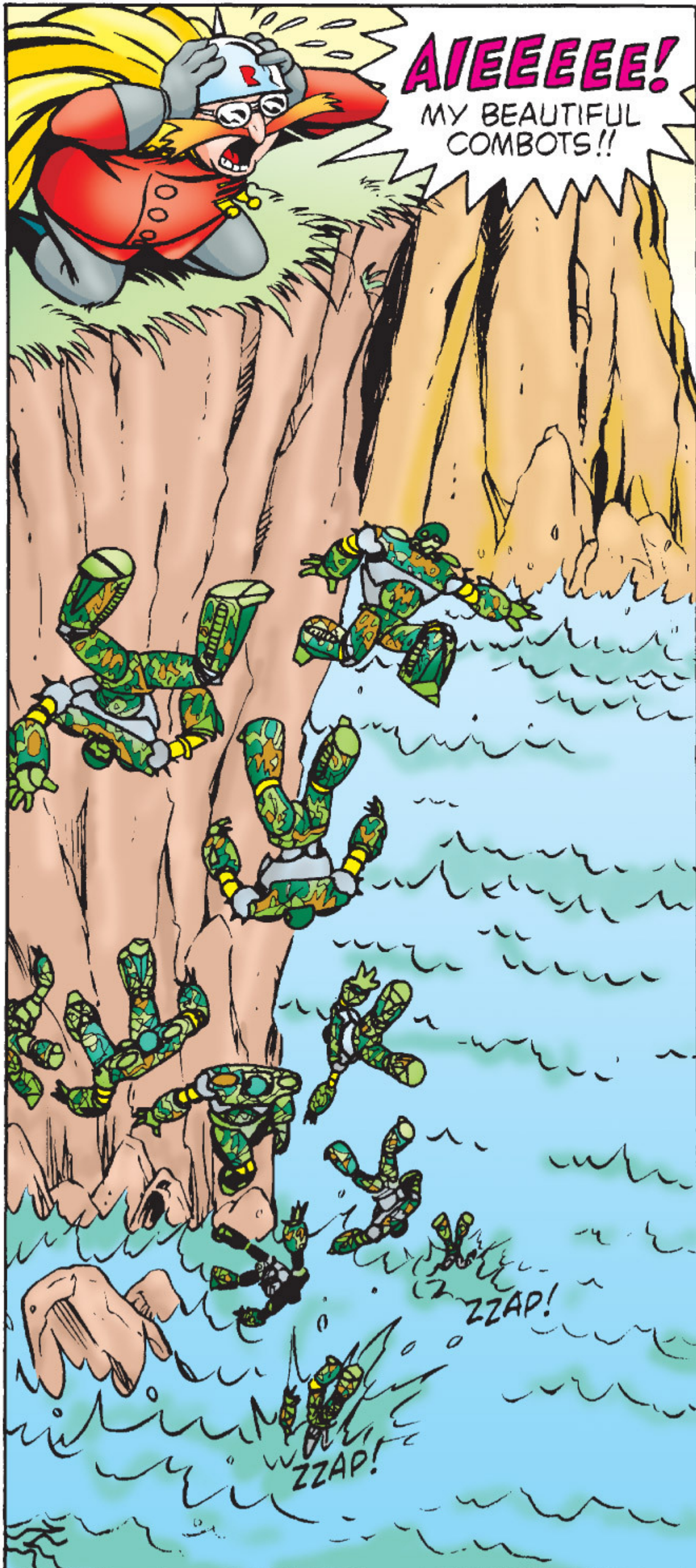
NO! YOU'RE MARCHING IN THE **WRONG** DIRECTION! THE FOREST IS THIS WAY!

STOMP! STOMP! STOMP! STOMP! STOMP!

STOP! YOU'RE HEADING TOWARDS A CLIFF!
THE OCEAN IS DOWN THERE! STOP! THIS CAN'T
BE HAPPENING TO ME AGAIN!*

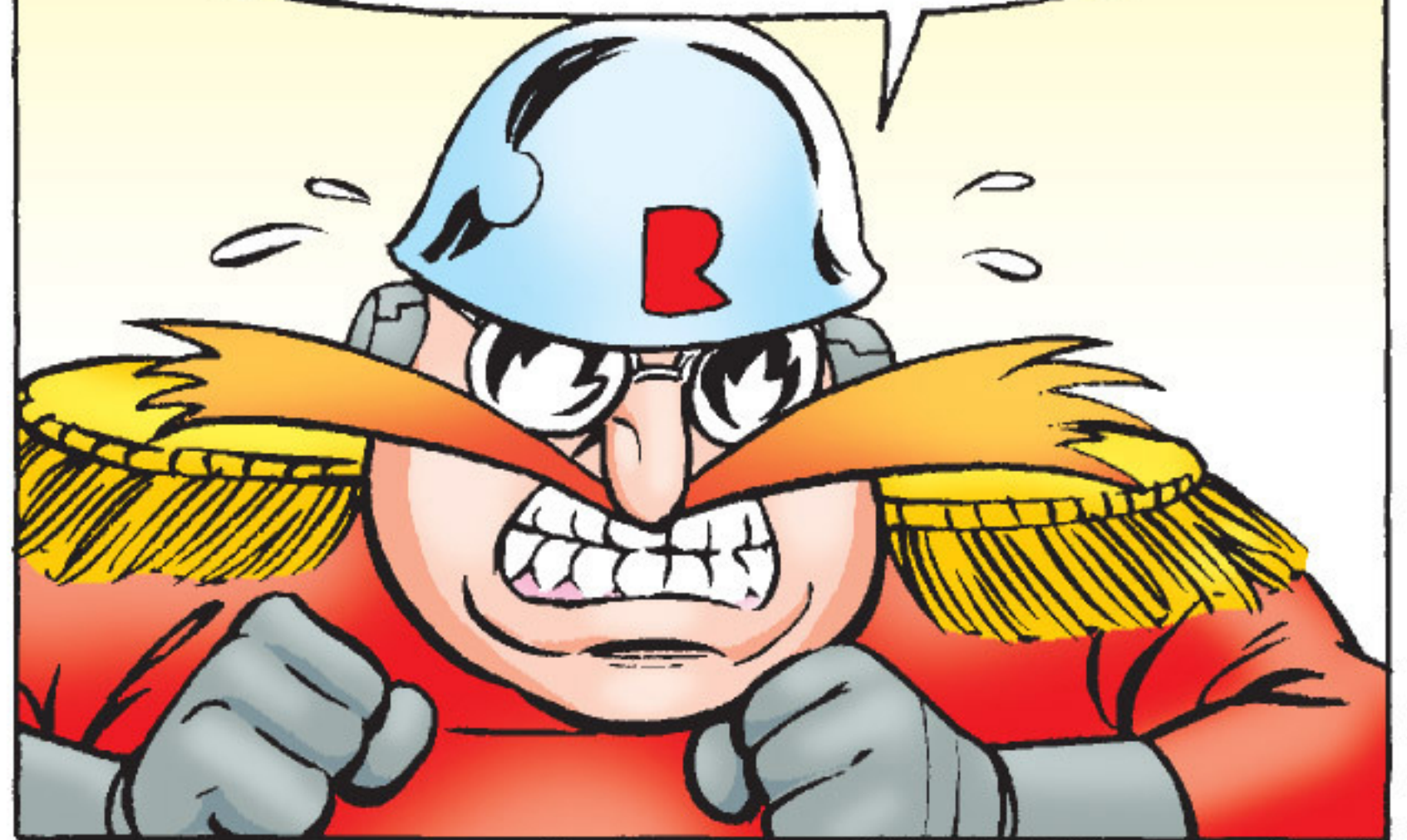


* ROBOTNIK'S DEMOLITION TRACTORS WERE
"CLIFFED" IN SONIC # 28 - ED



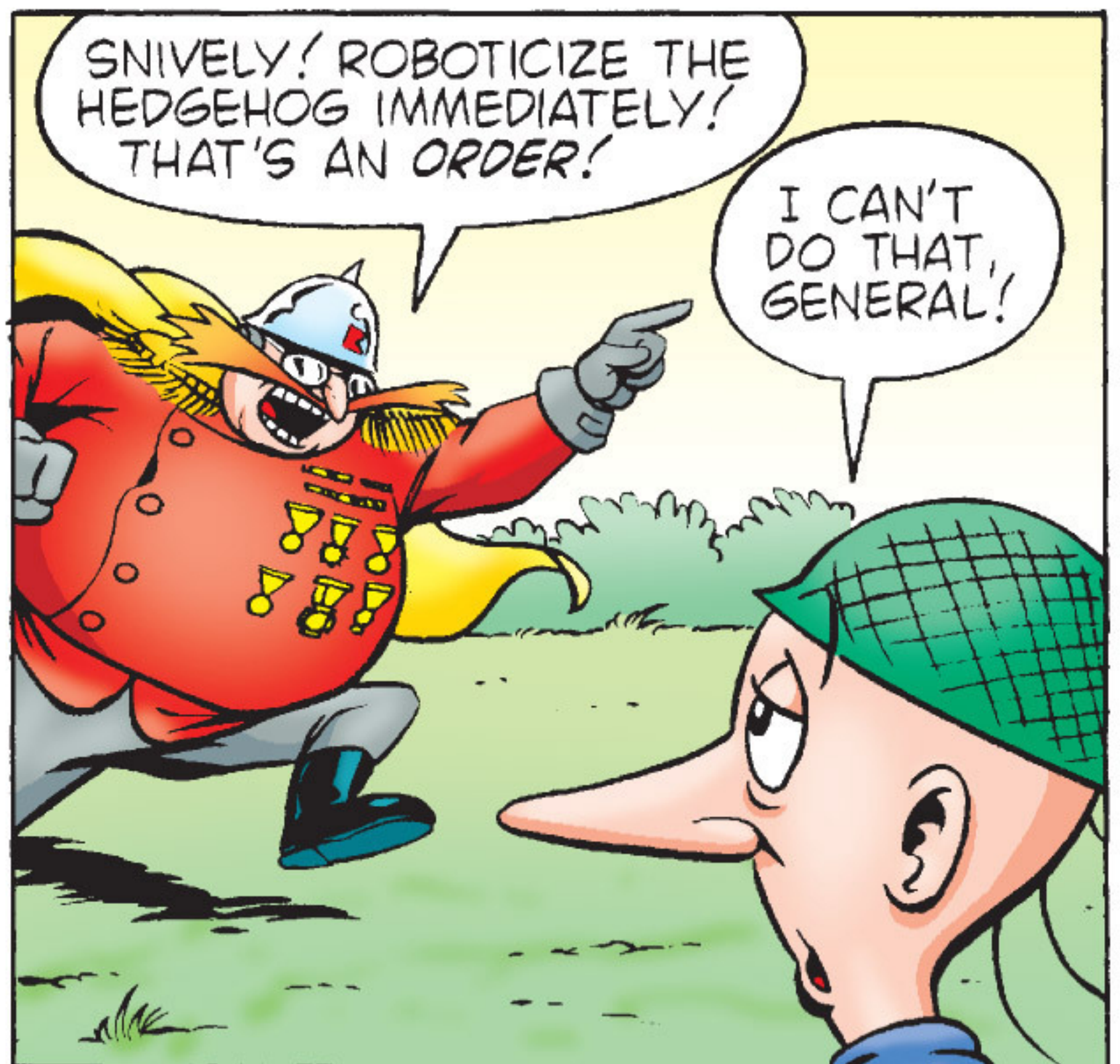
AIEEEEE!
MY BEAUTIFUL
COMBOTS!!

I... I MUSTN'T PANIC! AFTER ALL,
SONIC IS STILL MY PRISONER! WITH-
OUT HIM, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
ARE FINISHED!



SNIVELY! ROBOTICIZE THE
HEDGEHOG IMMEDIATELY!
THAT'S AN ORDER!

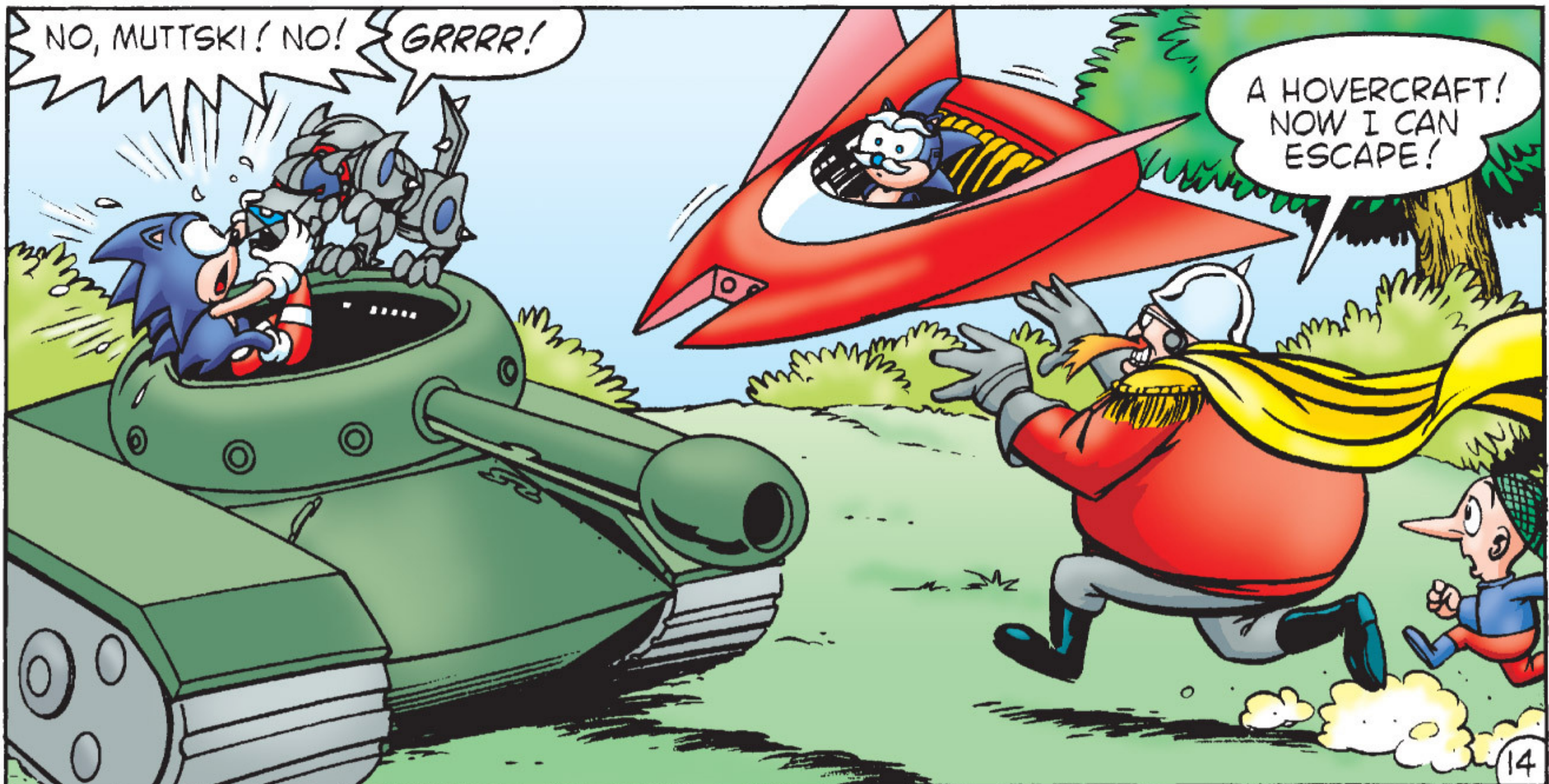
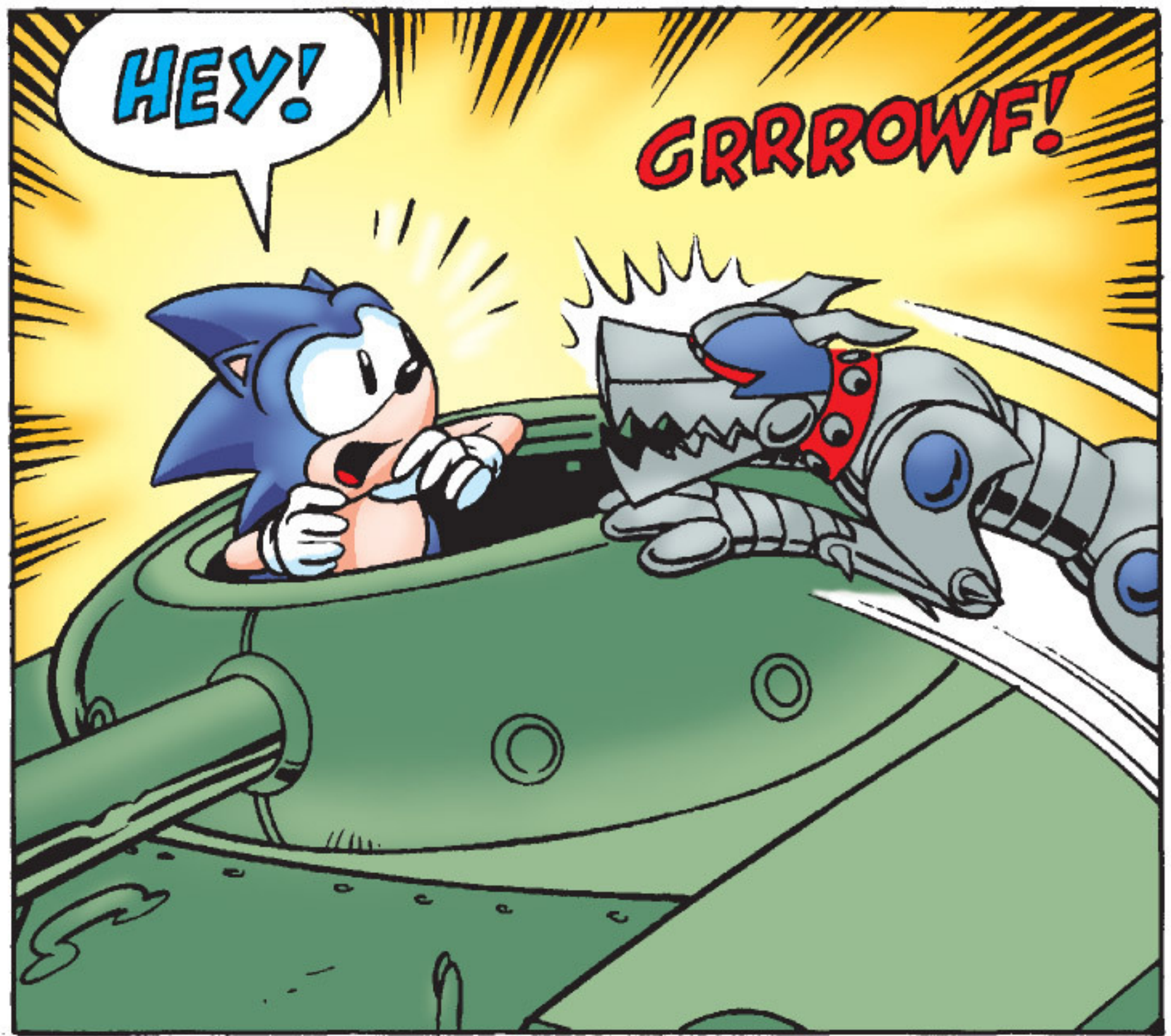
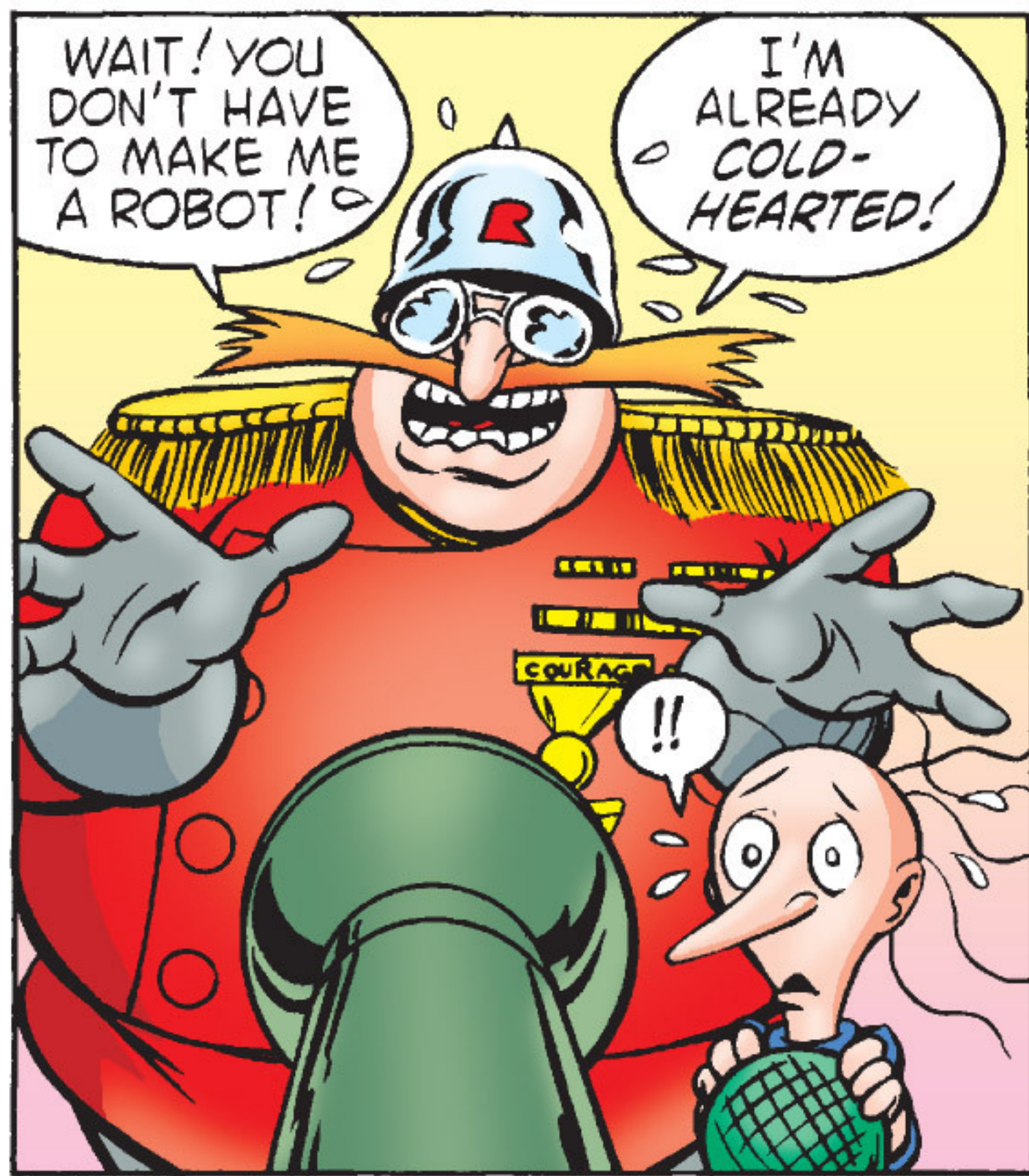
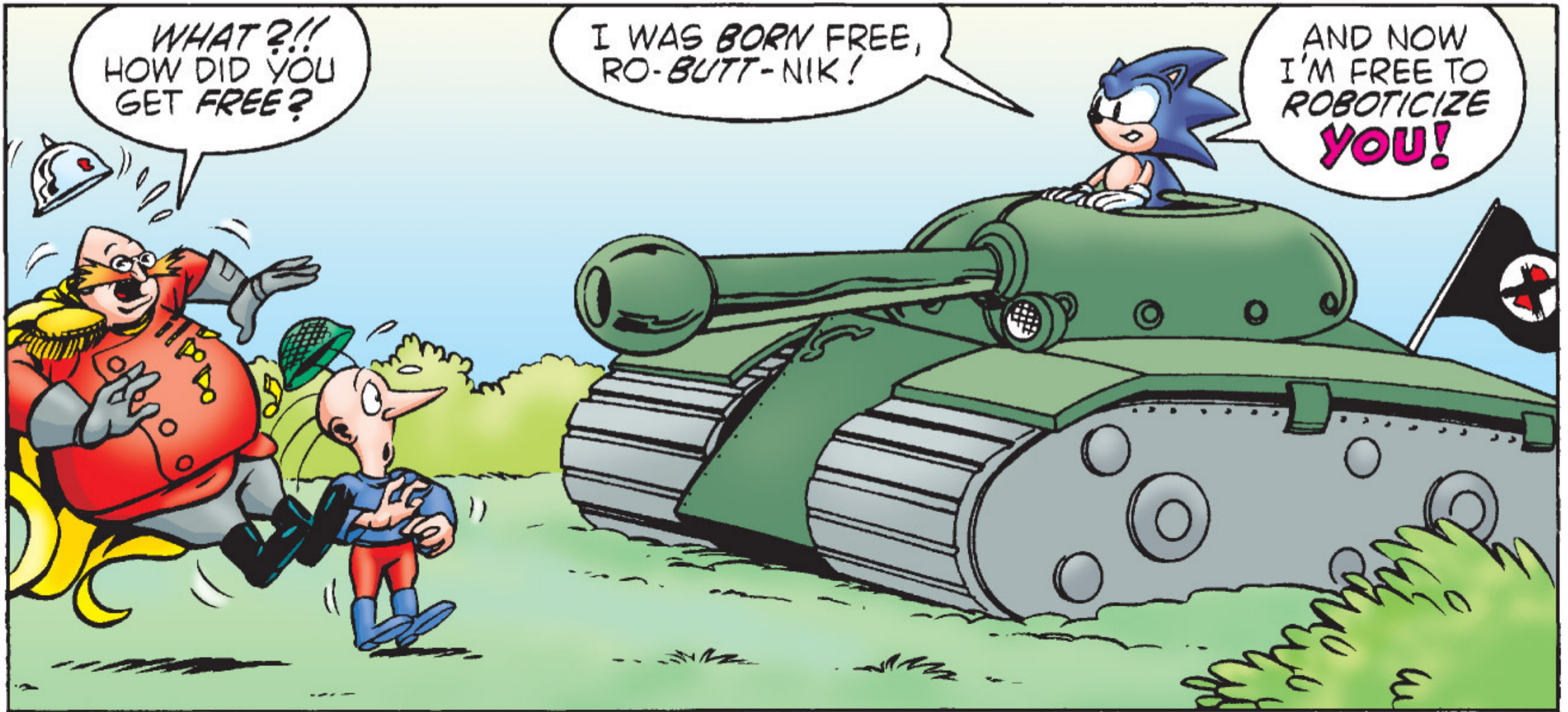
I CAN'T
DO THAT,
GENERAL!

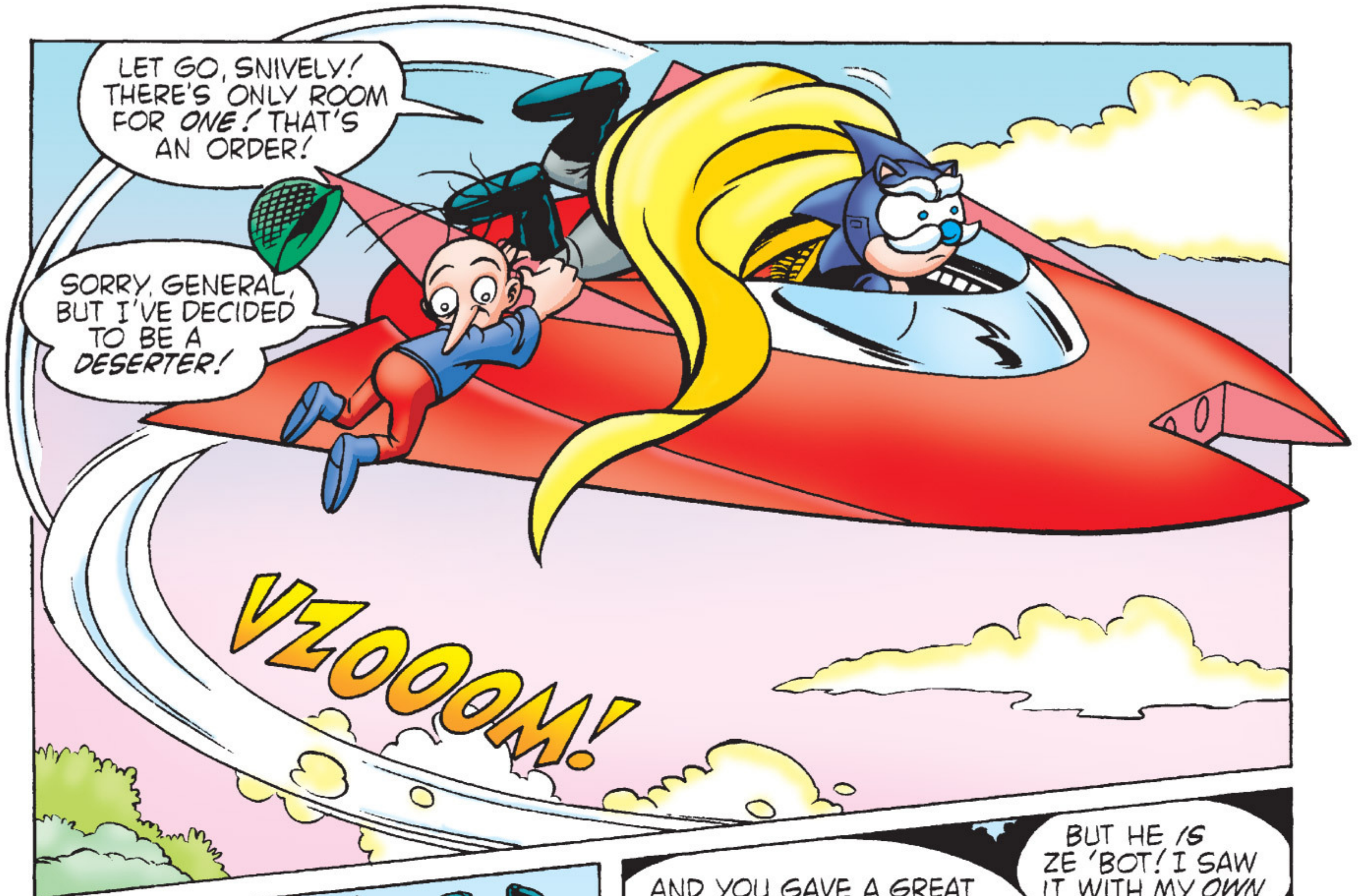


IDIOT! WHAT DO YOU MEAN
YOU CAN'T DO THAT?!
WHY NOT?!

HAVE
A LOOK,
SIR!



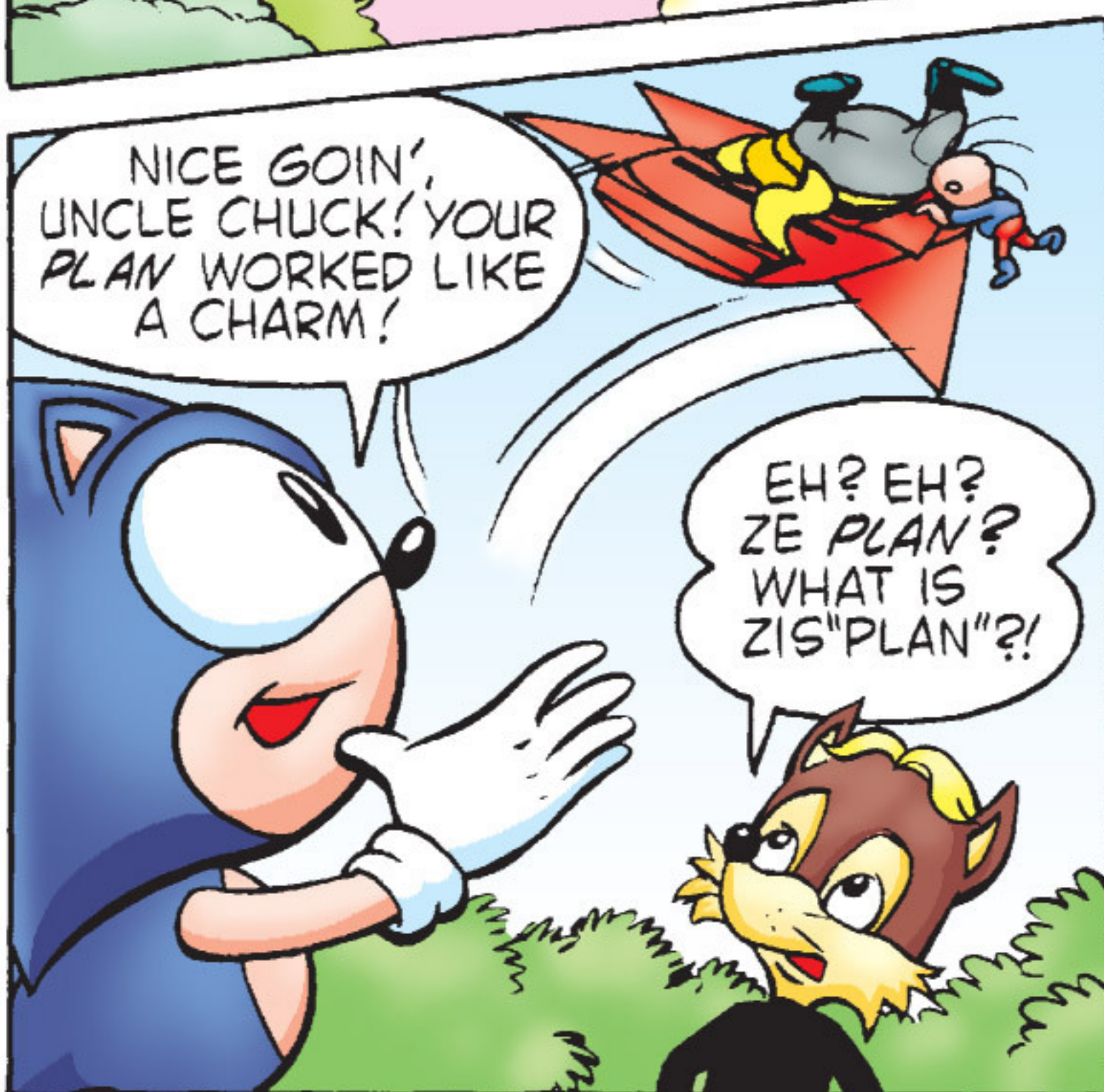




LET GO, SNIVELY!
THERE'S ONLY ROOM
FOR ONE! THAT'S
AN ORDER!

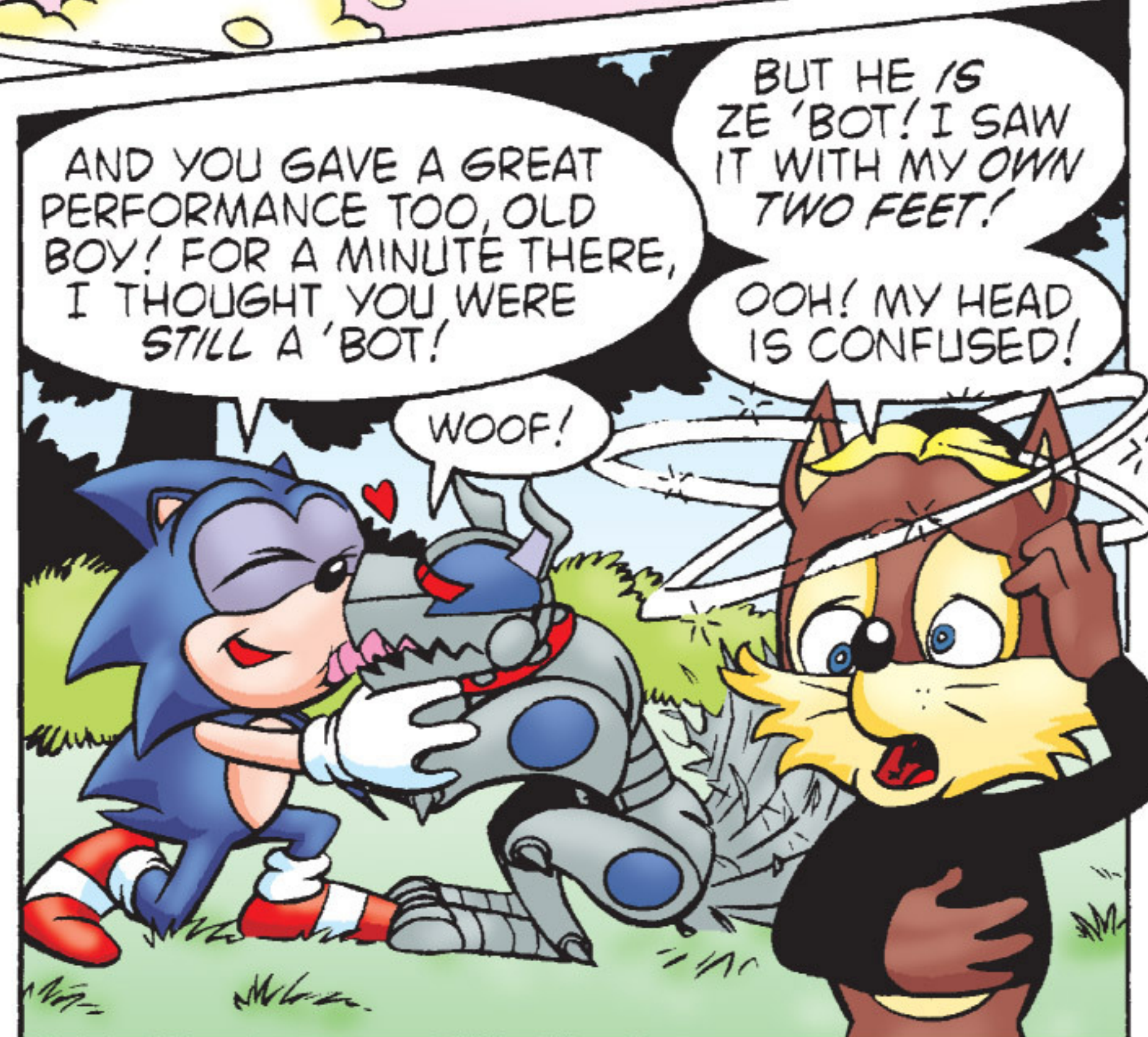
SORRY, GENERAL,
BUT I'VE DECIDED
TO BE A
DESERTER!

VZOOM!



NICE GOIN',
UNCLE CHUCK! YOUR
PLAN WORKED LIKE
A CHARM!

EH? EH?
ZE PLAN?
WHAT IS
ZIS "PLAN"?!?

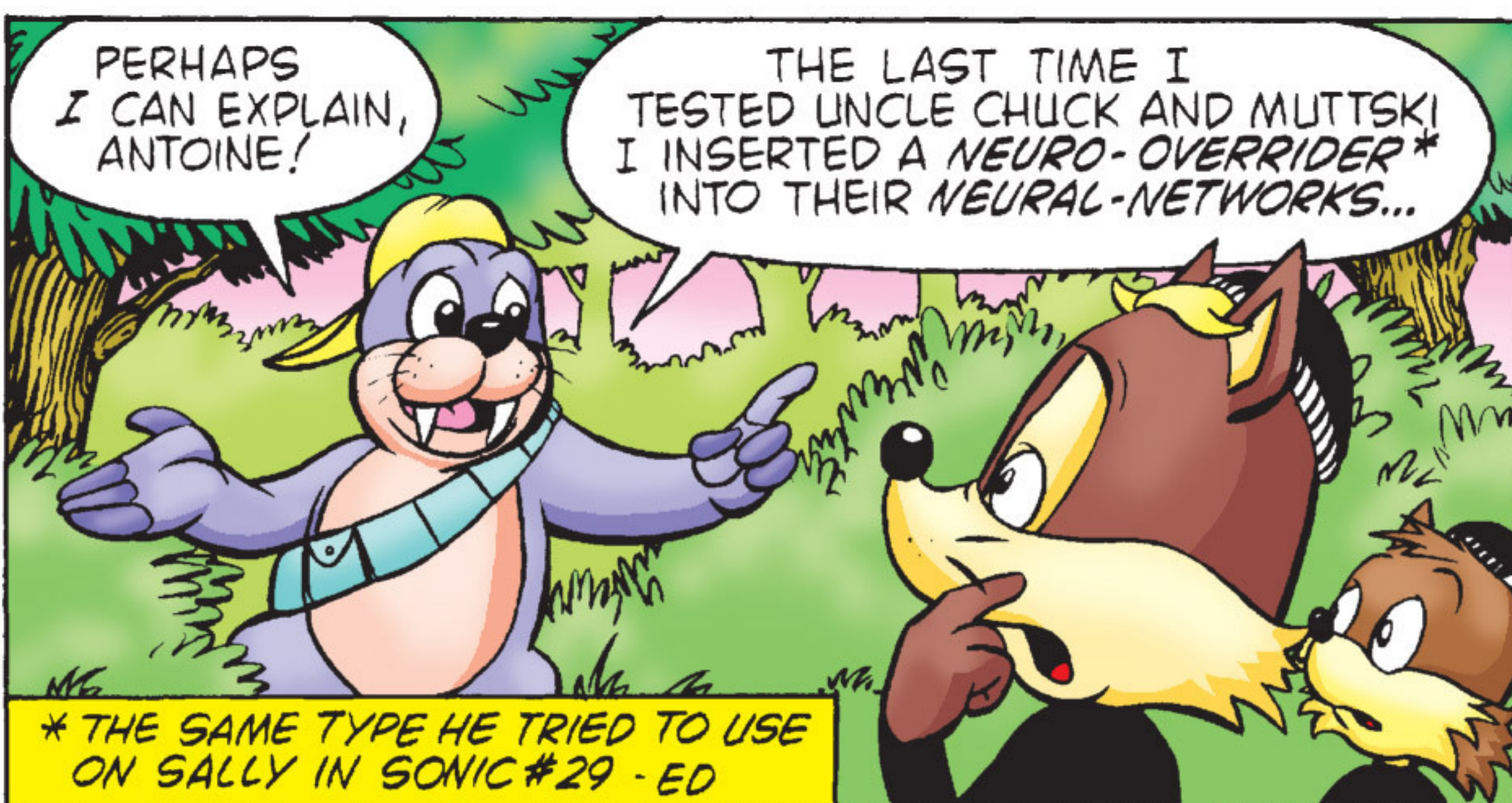


AND YOU GAVE A GREAT
PERFORMANCE TOO, OLD
BOY! FOR A MINUTE THERE,
I THOUGHT YOU WERE
STILL A 'BOT!

BUT HE IS
ZE 'BOT! I SAW
IT WITH MY OWN
TWO FEET!

OOH! MY HEAD
IS CONFUSED!

WOOF!



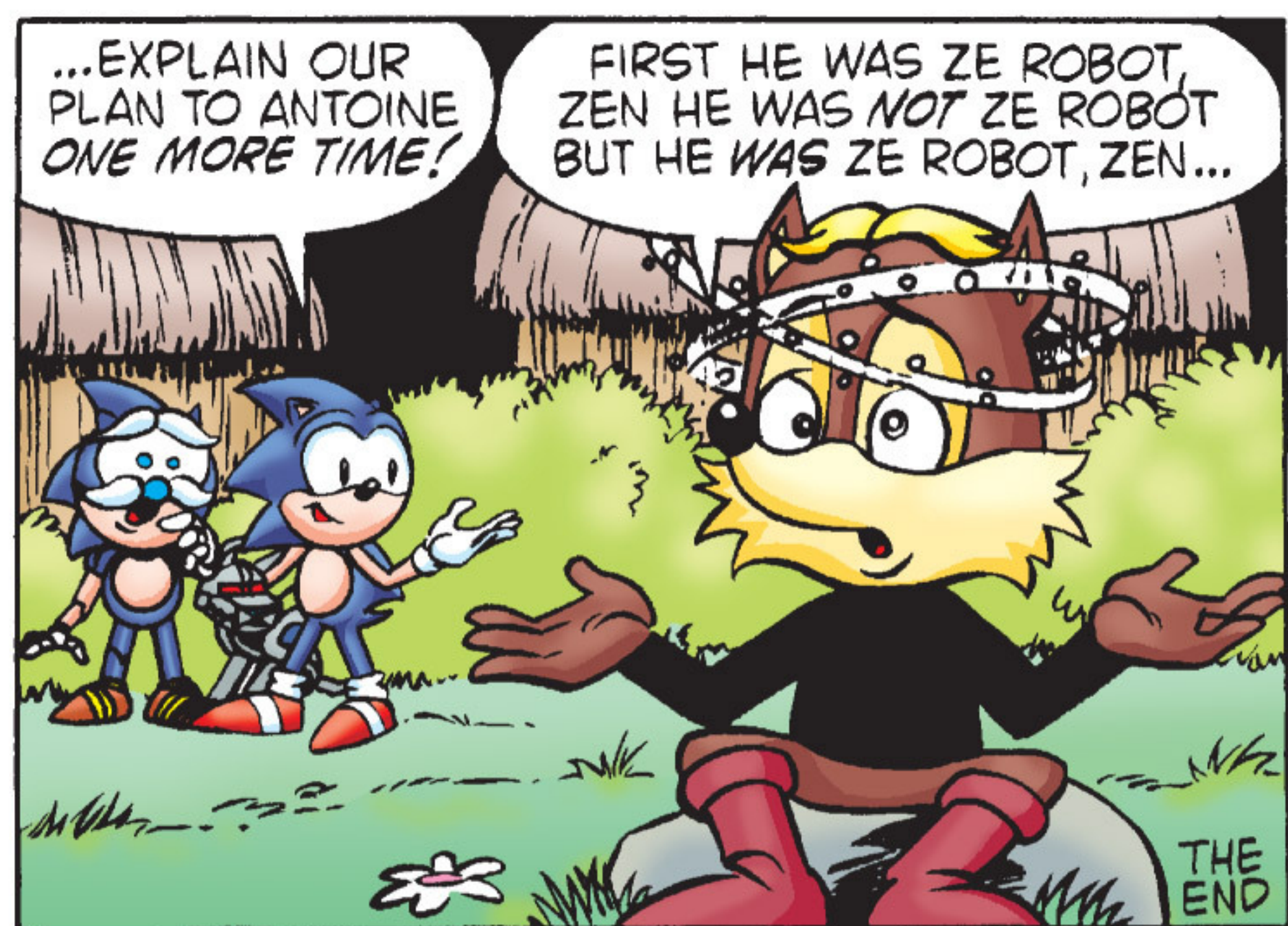
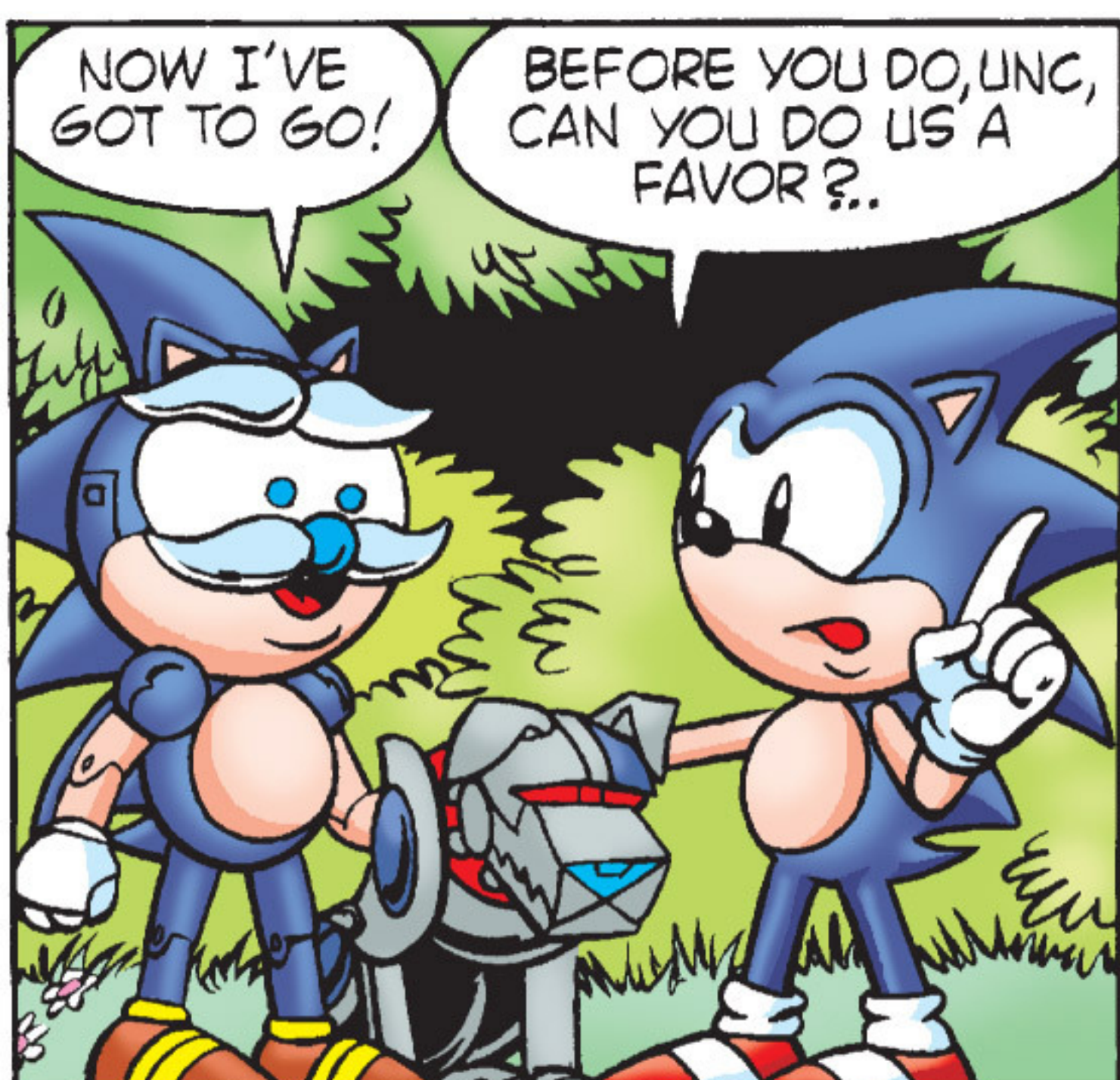
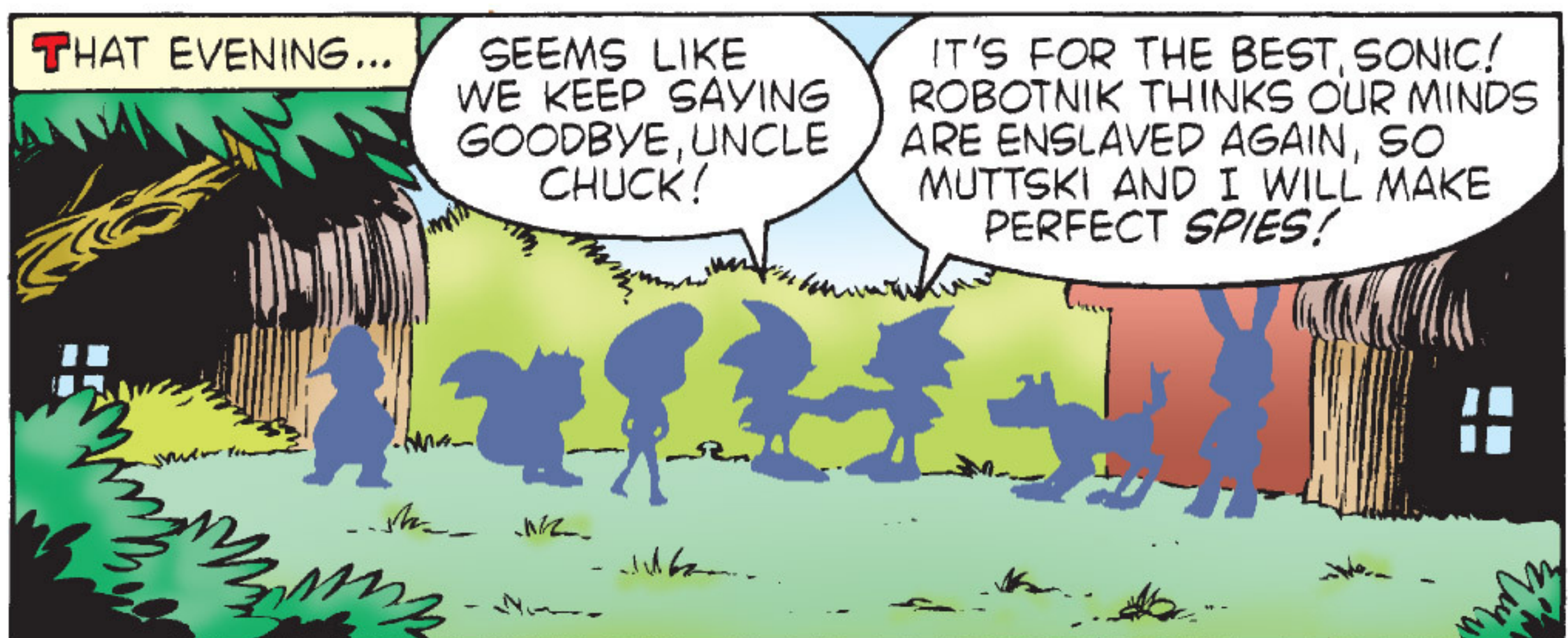
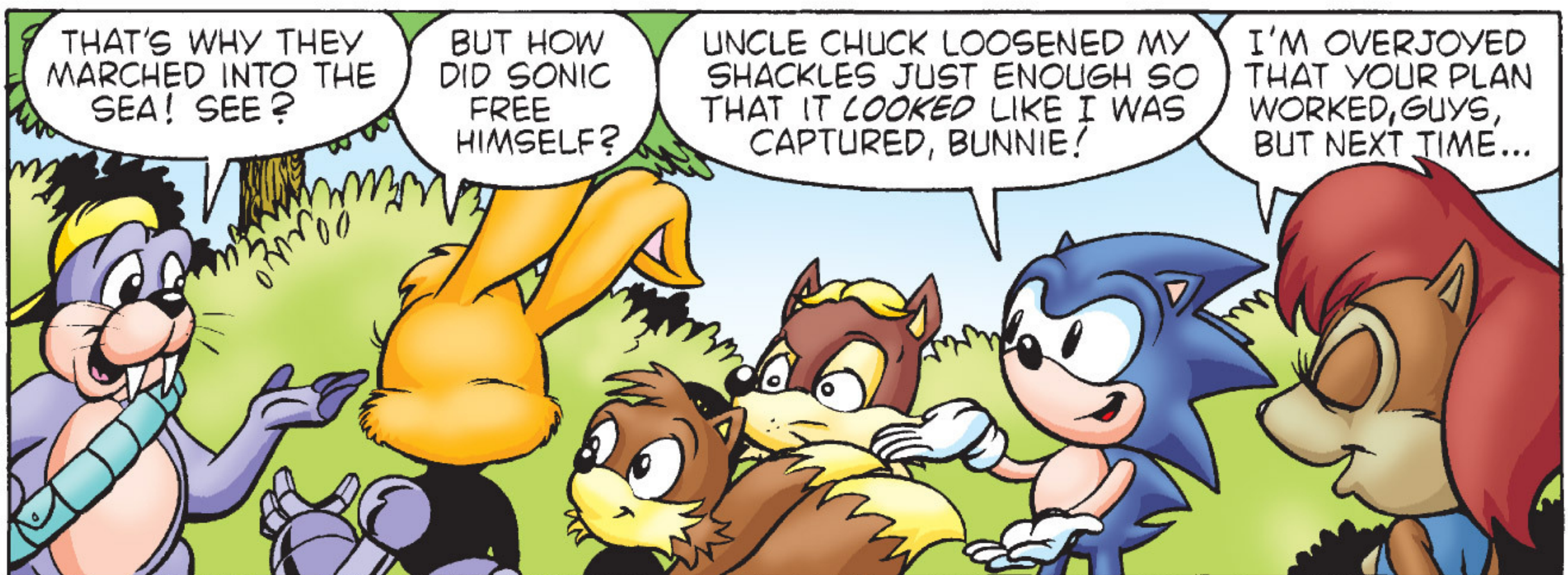
PERHAPS
I CAN EXPLAIN,
ANTOINE!

THE LAST TIME I
TESTED UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI
I INSERTED A NEURO-OVERRIDE*
INTO THEIR NEURAL-NETWORKS...



"IT ALLOWED THEM TO
KEEP CONTROL OF
THEIR MINDS EVEN
WHEN ROBOTNIK
TRIED TO REALIGN
THEM!"

* THE SAME TYPE HE TRIED TO USE
ON SALLY IN SONIC #29 - ED



SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS
KNUCKLES™

A
SENSE OF
HISTORY

PART ONE

TYPICAL.

THAT "ARCHIMEDES"
CHARACTER IS
PLAYING "HIDE AND
SEEK" WITH THE
CHAOTIX...

... AND AN EVEN
NASTIER SET OF
"MIND-GAMES"
WITH ME!*

THEY'VE
DISAPPEARED...

... AND I'VE NO IDEA
WHERE TO FIND
THEM!

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*SEE "THE HUNT IS ON!" FROM KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX #1 - ED

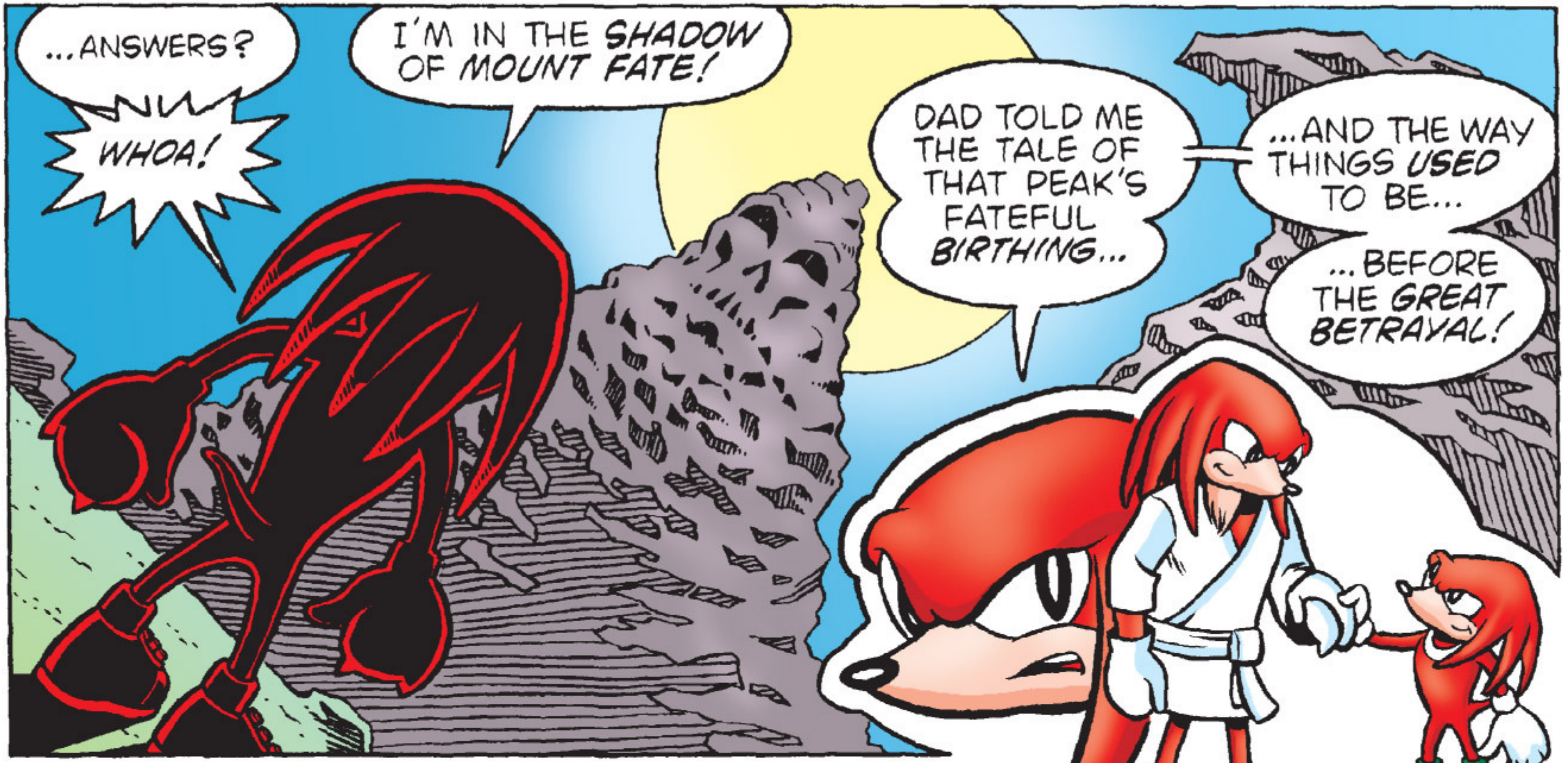
WHAT WAS IT HE
SAID -- "WHICH IS
MORE IMPORTANT?
YOUR FRIENDS...

...OR THE THREAT
TO THE FLOATING
ISLAND?"

GOOD
QUESTION.

WISH I HAD
A FEW...

EASY...



...ANSWERS?
WHOA!

I'M IN THE SHADOW OF MOUNT FATE!

DAD TOLD ME THE TALE OF THAT PEAK'S FATEFUL BIRTHING...

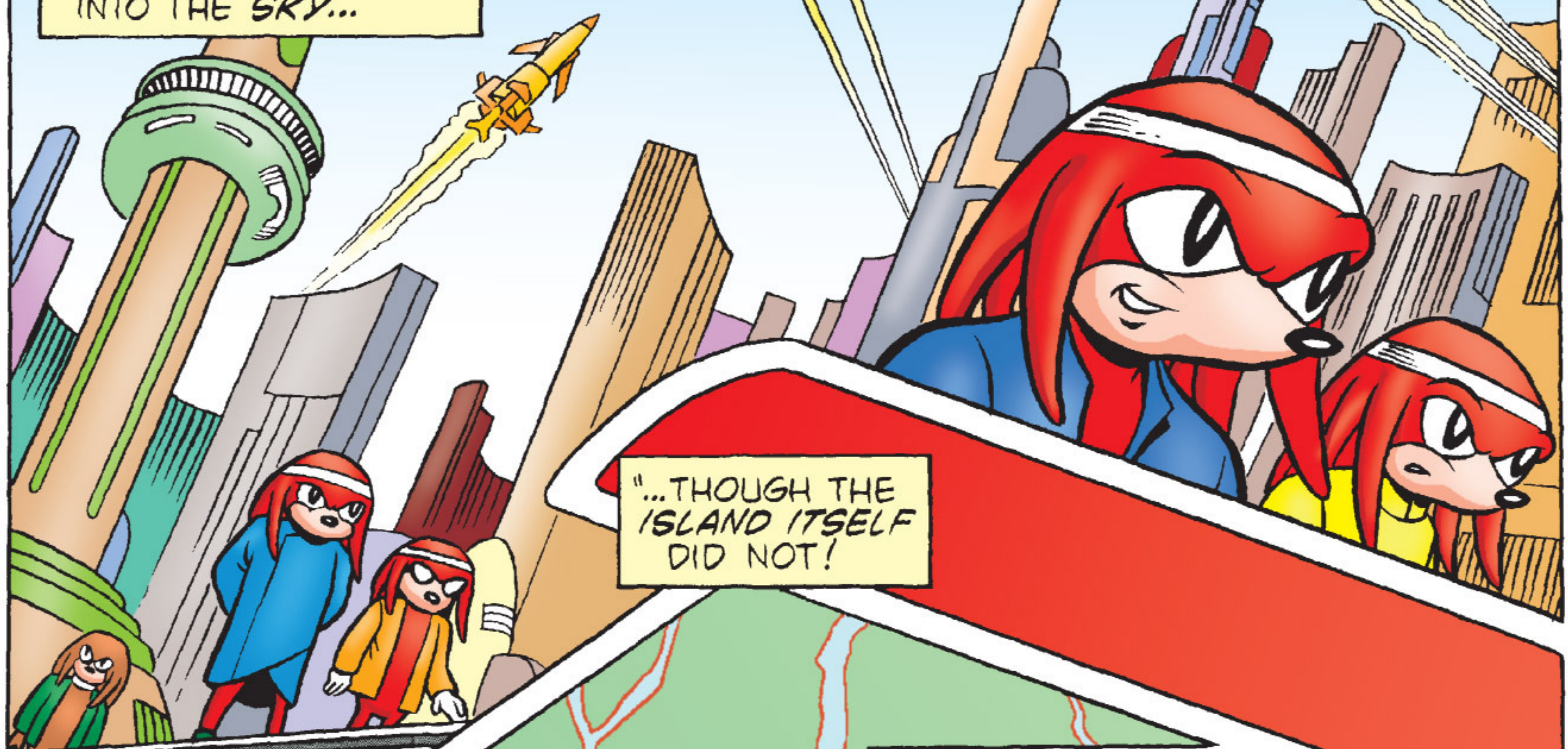
...AND THE WAY THINGS USED TO BE...

...BEFORE THE GREAT BETRAYAL!

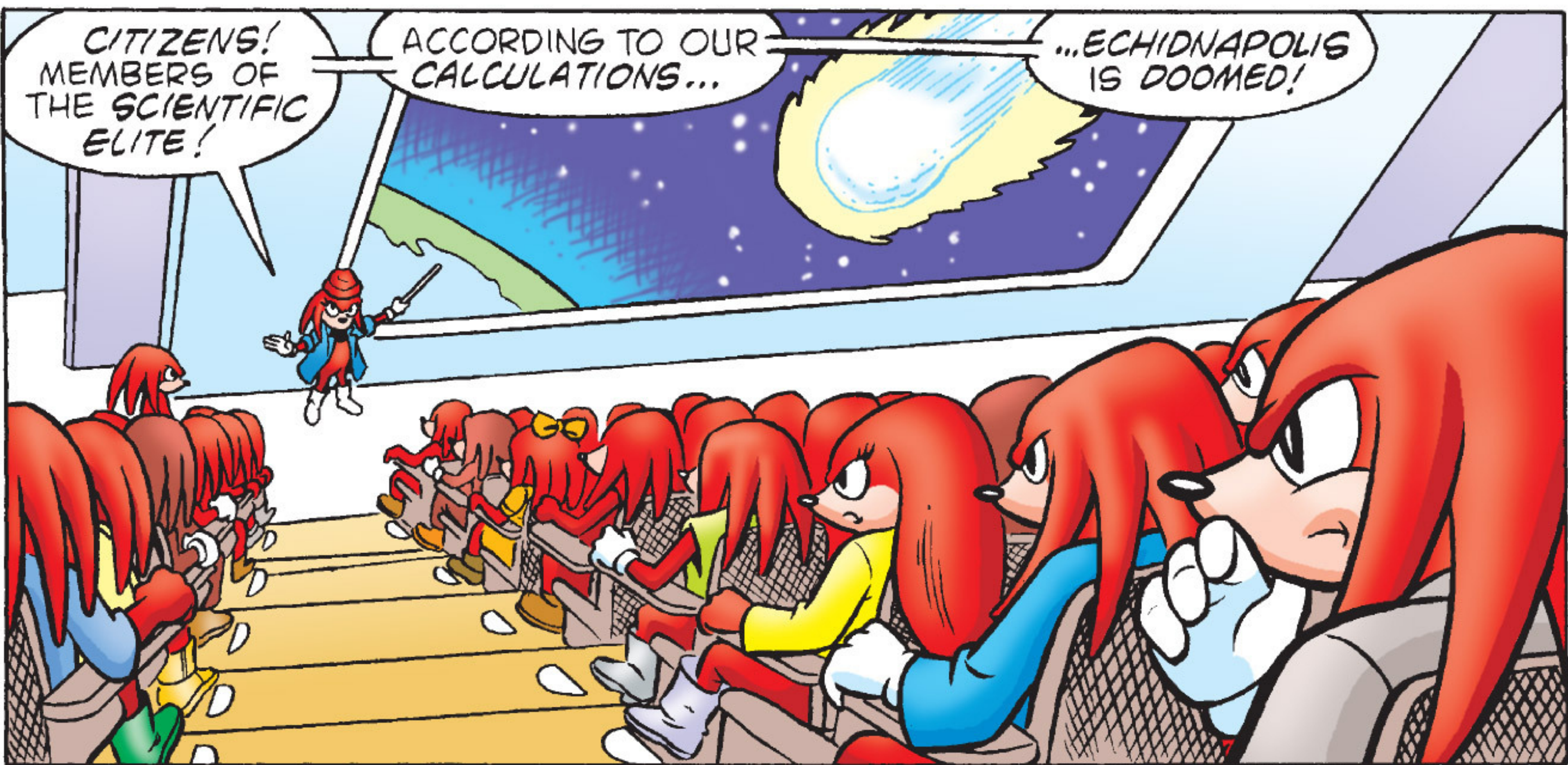
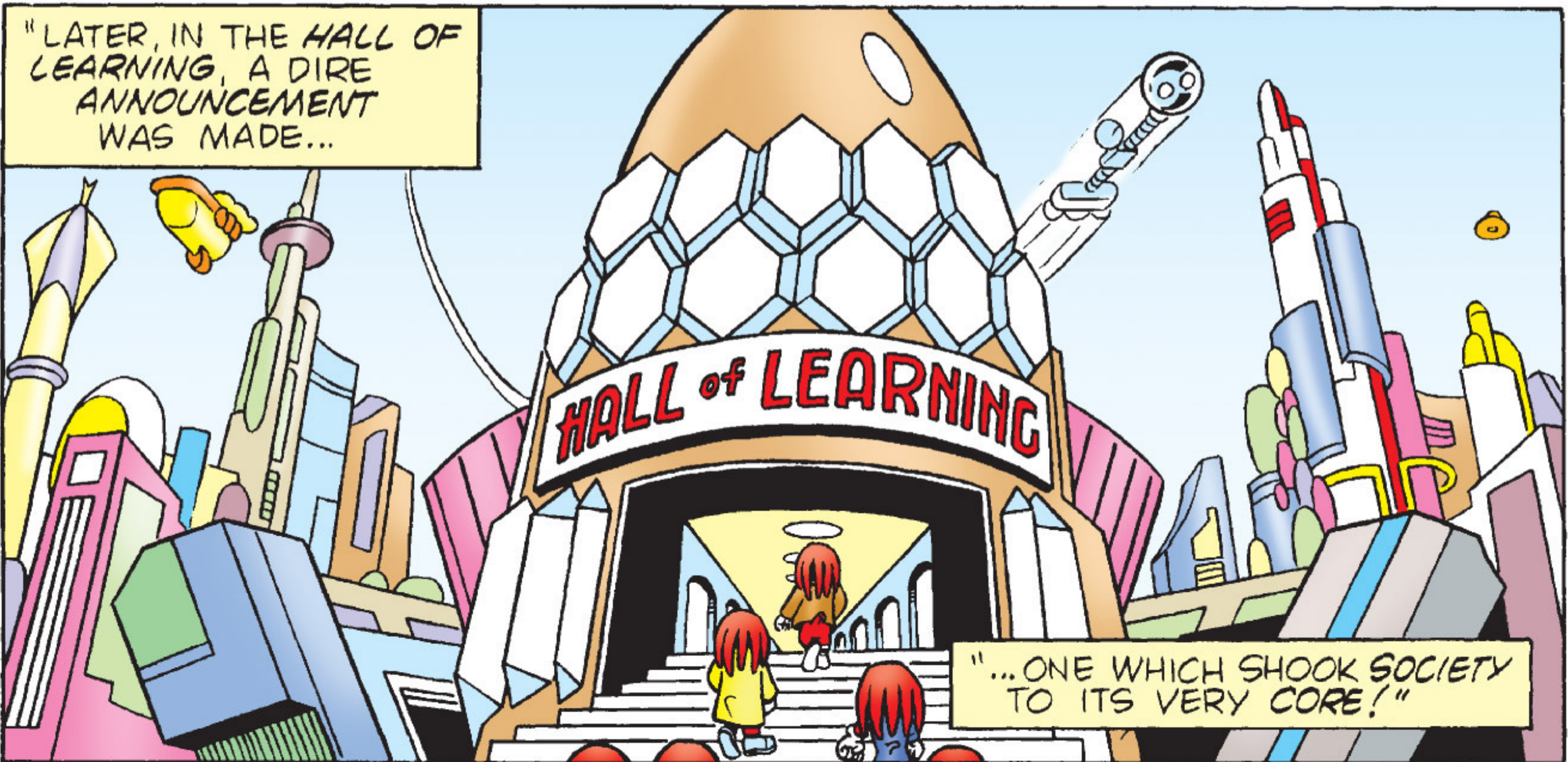
"HIS STORIES CLAIMED THAT LONG, LONG AGO, ECHIDNA CIVILIZATION WAS THE MOST ADVANCED ON MOBIUS!"

"OUR CITY'S GLEAMING SPIRES ROSE HIGH INTO THE SKY..."

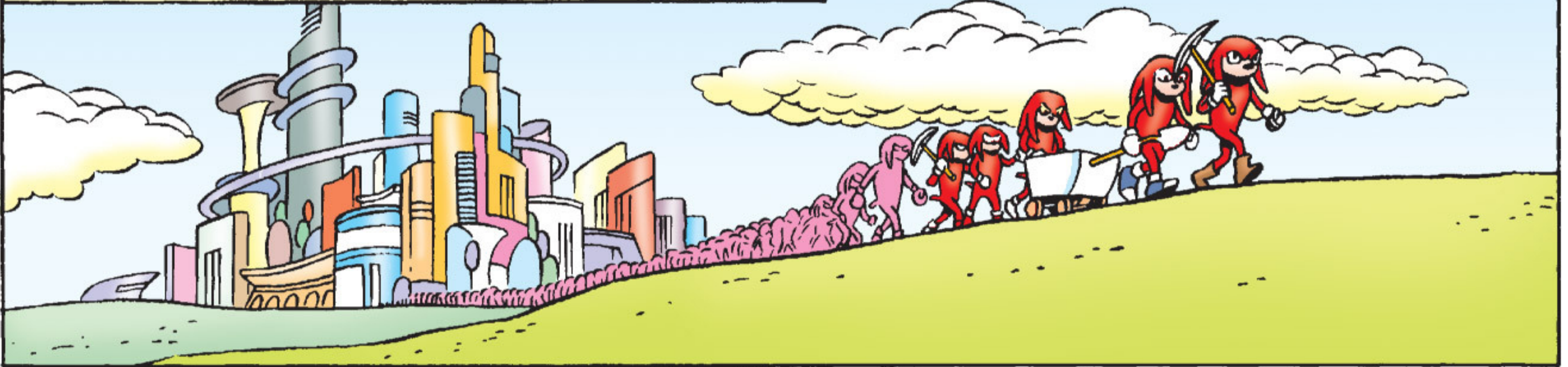
"...THOUGH THE ISLAND ITSELF DID NOT!"



"WE WERE 'GROUNDERS' THEN..."

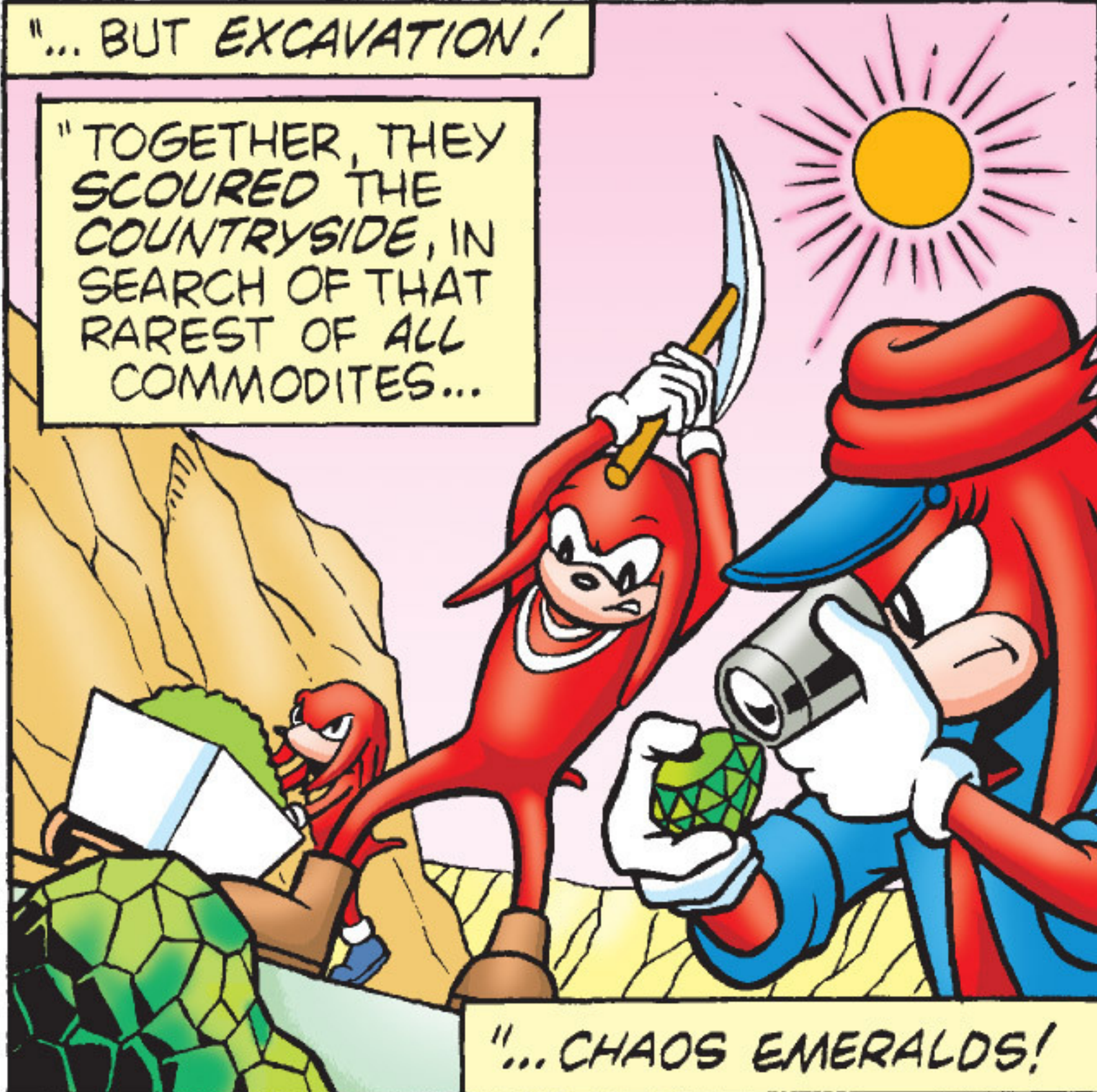


"LIKE LEMMINGS, THE POPULACE FILED OUT OF THE CITY, INTENT NOT ON EVACUATION..."



"... BUT EXCAVATION!"

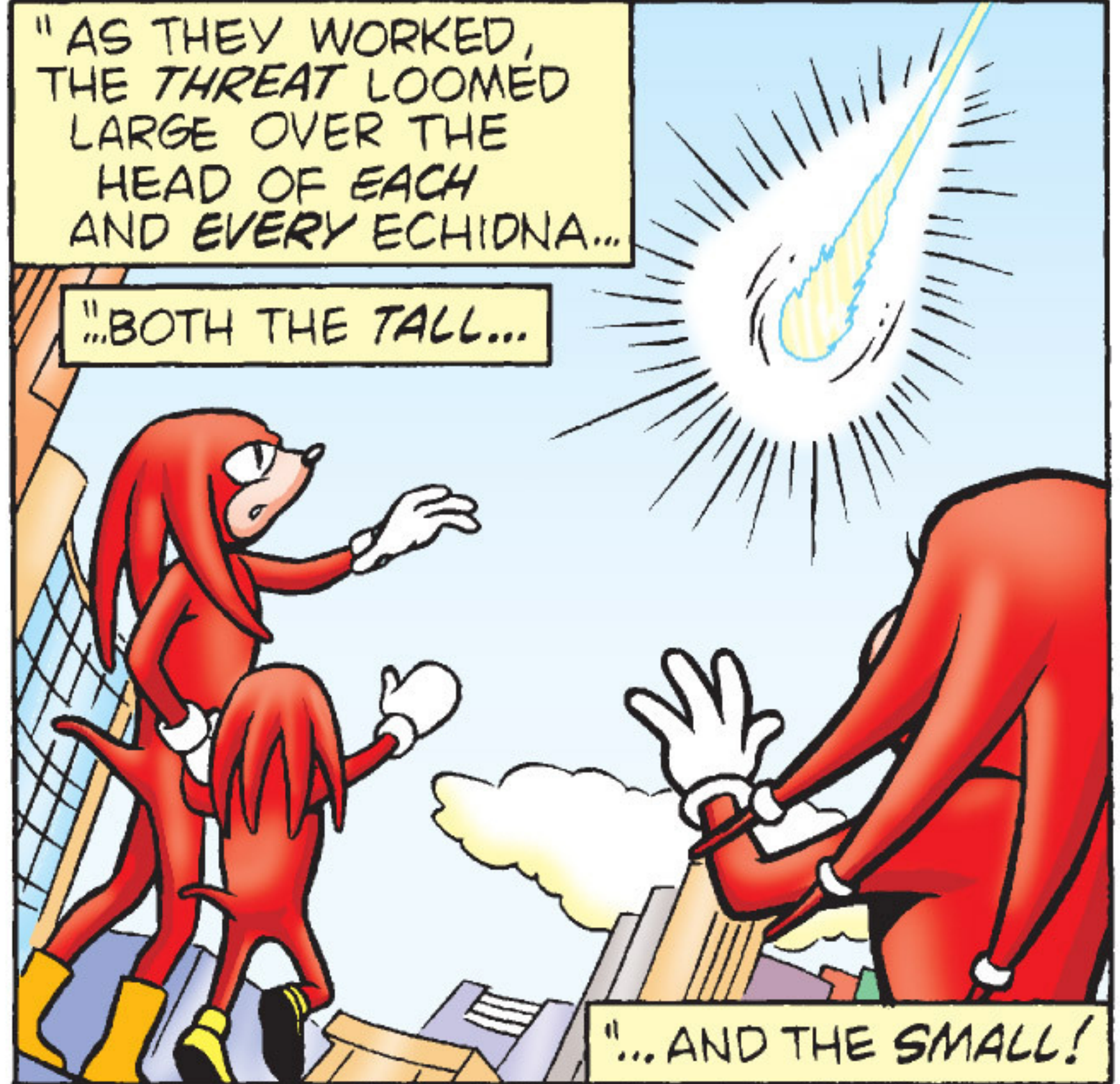
"TOGETHER, THEY SCoured THE COUNTRYSIDE, IN SEARCH OF THAT RAREST OF ALL COMMODITES..."



"... CHAOS EMERALDS!"

"AS THEY WORKED, THE THREAT LOOMED LARGE OVER THE HEAD OF EACH AND EVERY ECHIDNA..."

"... BOTH THE TALL..."

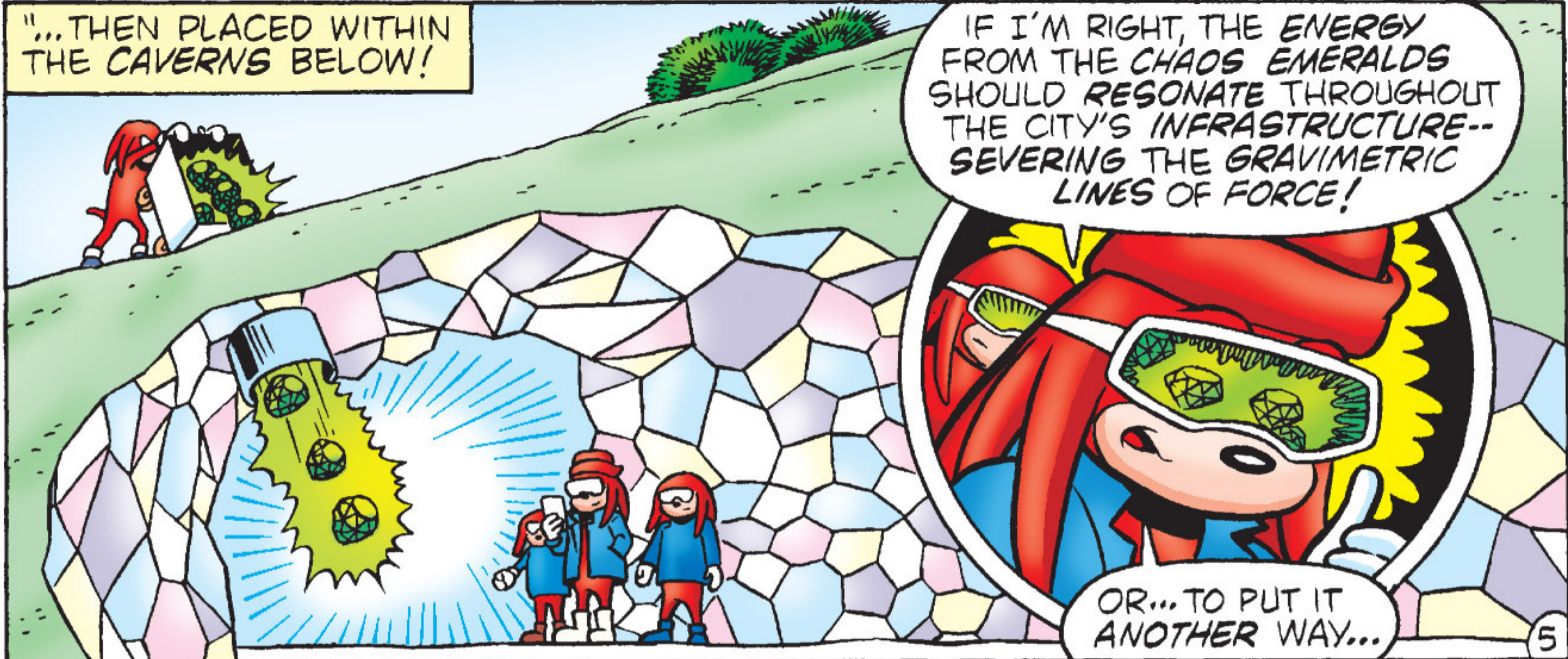


"... AND THE SMALL!"

"TIME GREW SHORT, AND THE EMERALDS--A DOZEN STRONG-- WERE DELIVERED BY CONVOY..."

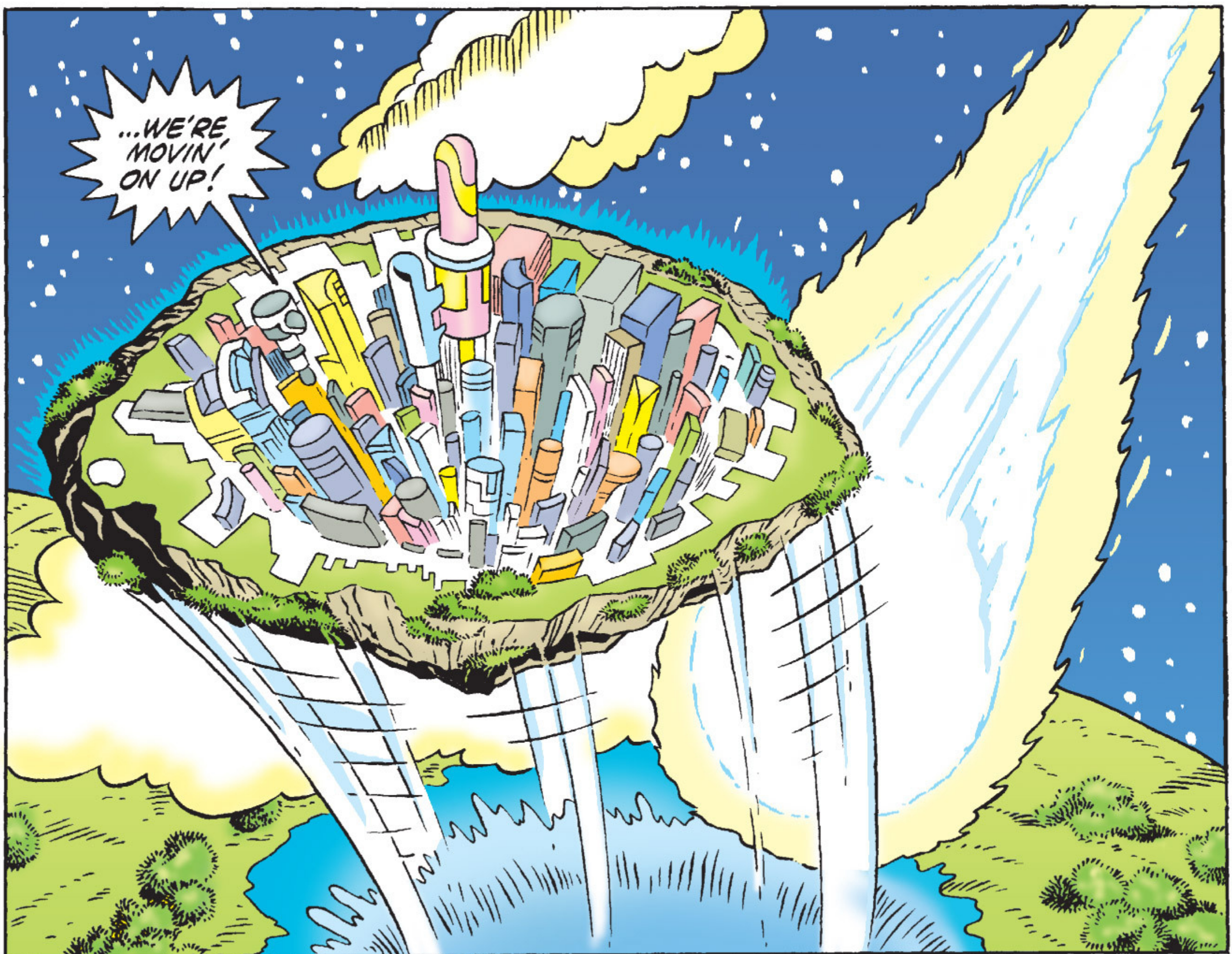
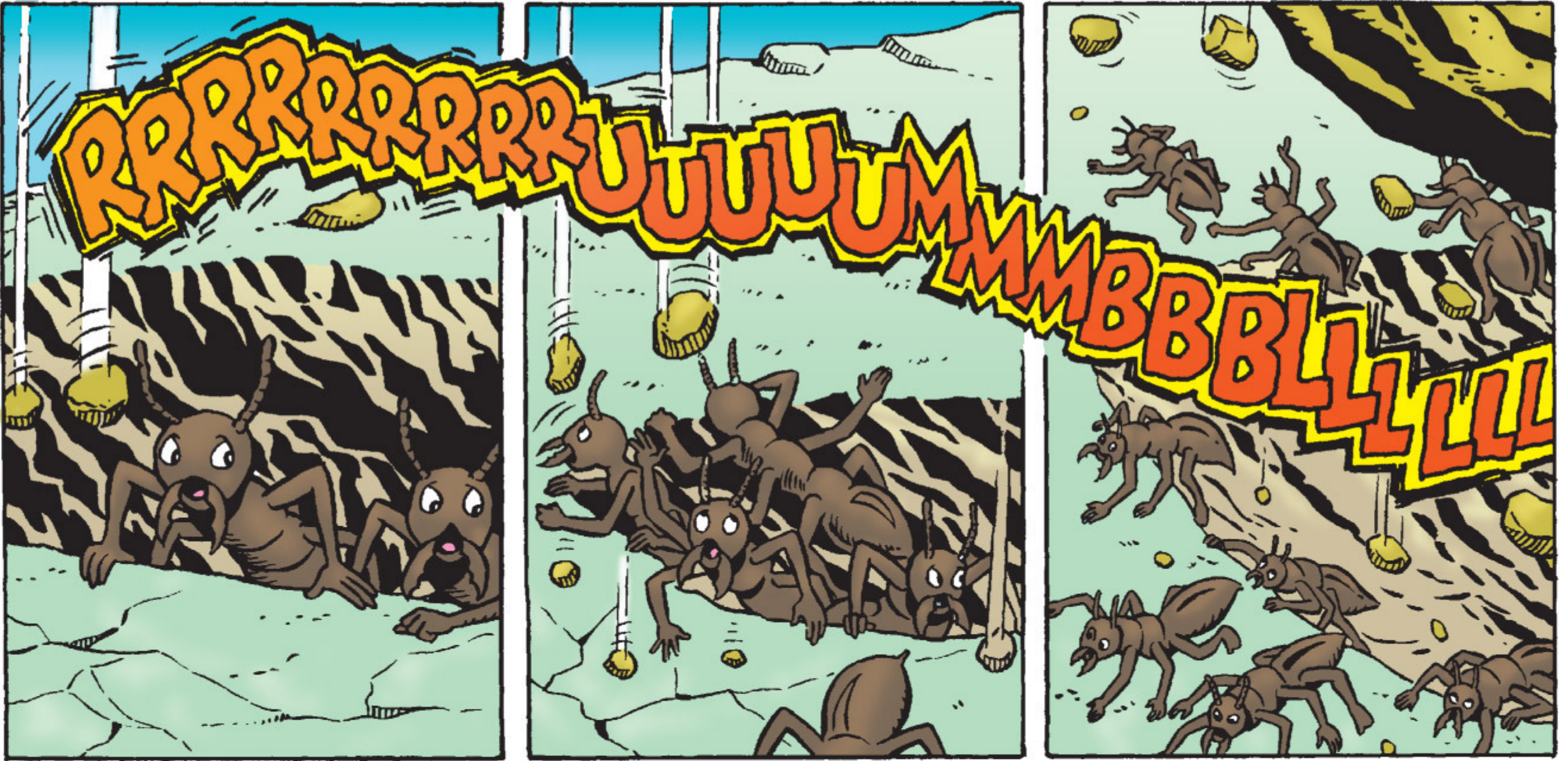


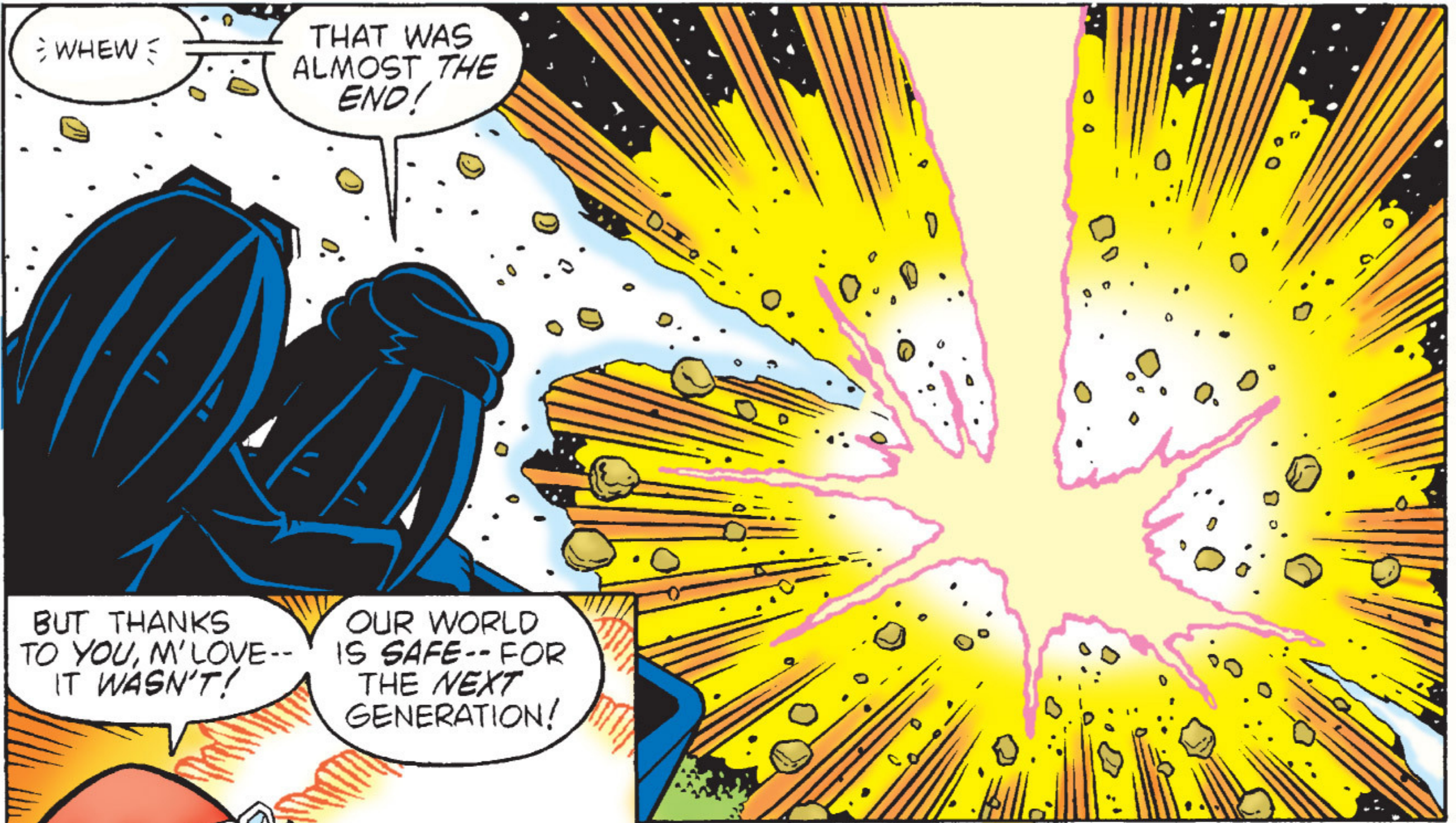
"... THEN PLACED WITHIN THE CAVERNS BELOW!"



IF I'M RIGHT, THE ENERGY FROM THE CHAOS EMERALDS SHOULD RESONATE THROUGHOUT THE CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE--SEVERING THE GRAVIMETRIC LINES OF FORCE!

OR... TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY...





WHEW

THAT WAS ALMOST THE END!

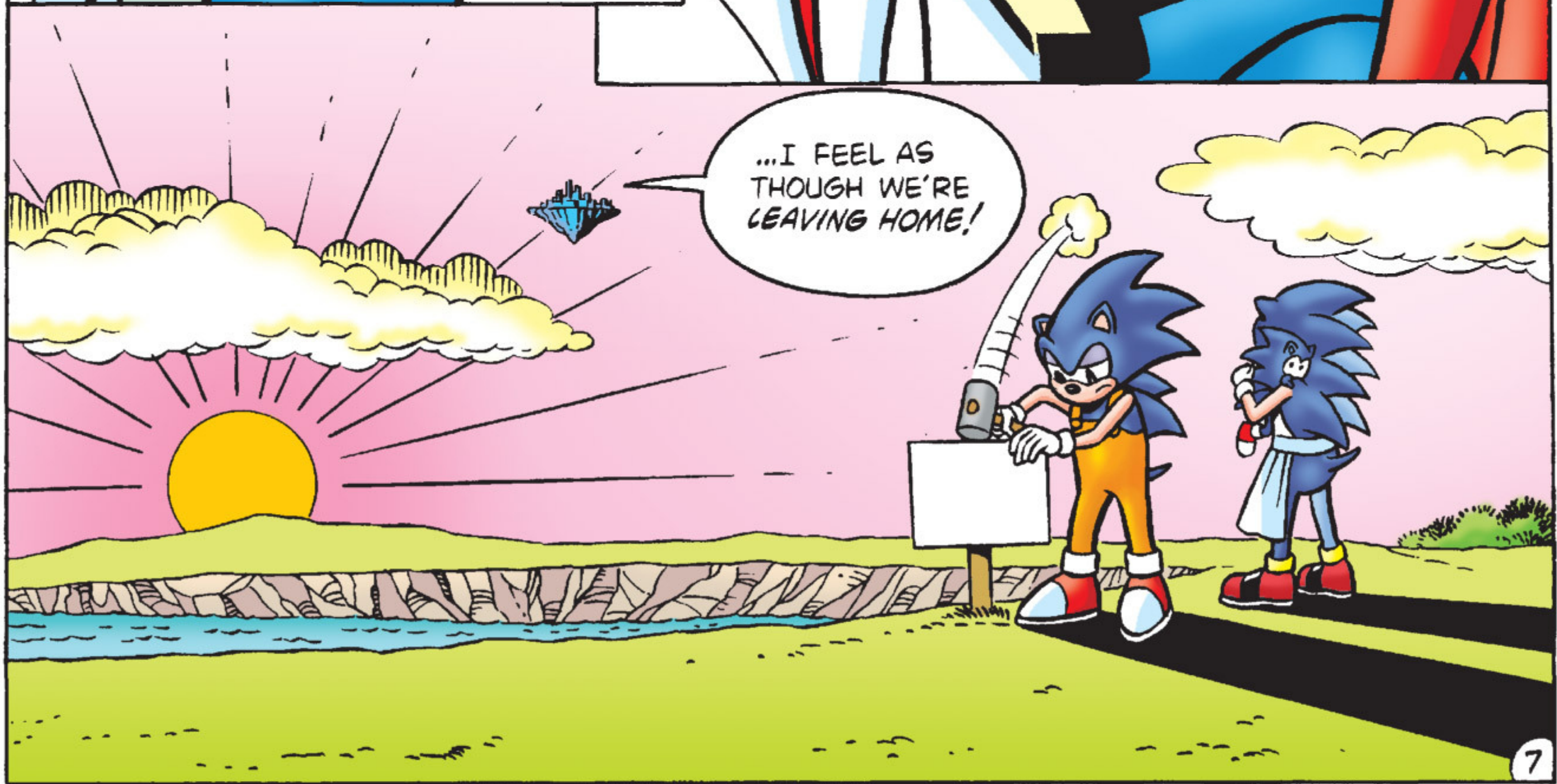
BUT THANKS TO YOU, MY LOVE-- IT WASN'T!

OUR WORLD IS SAFE-- FOR THE NEXT GENERATION!

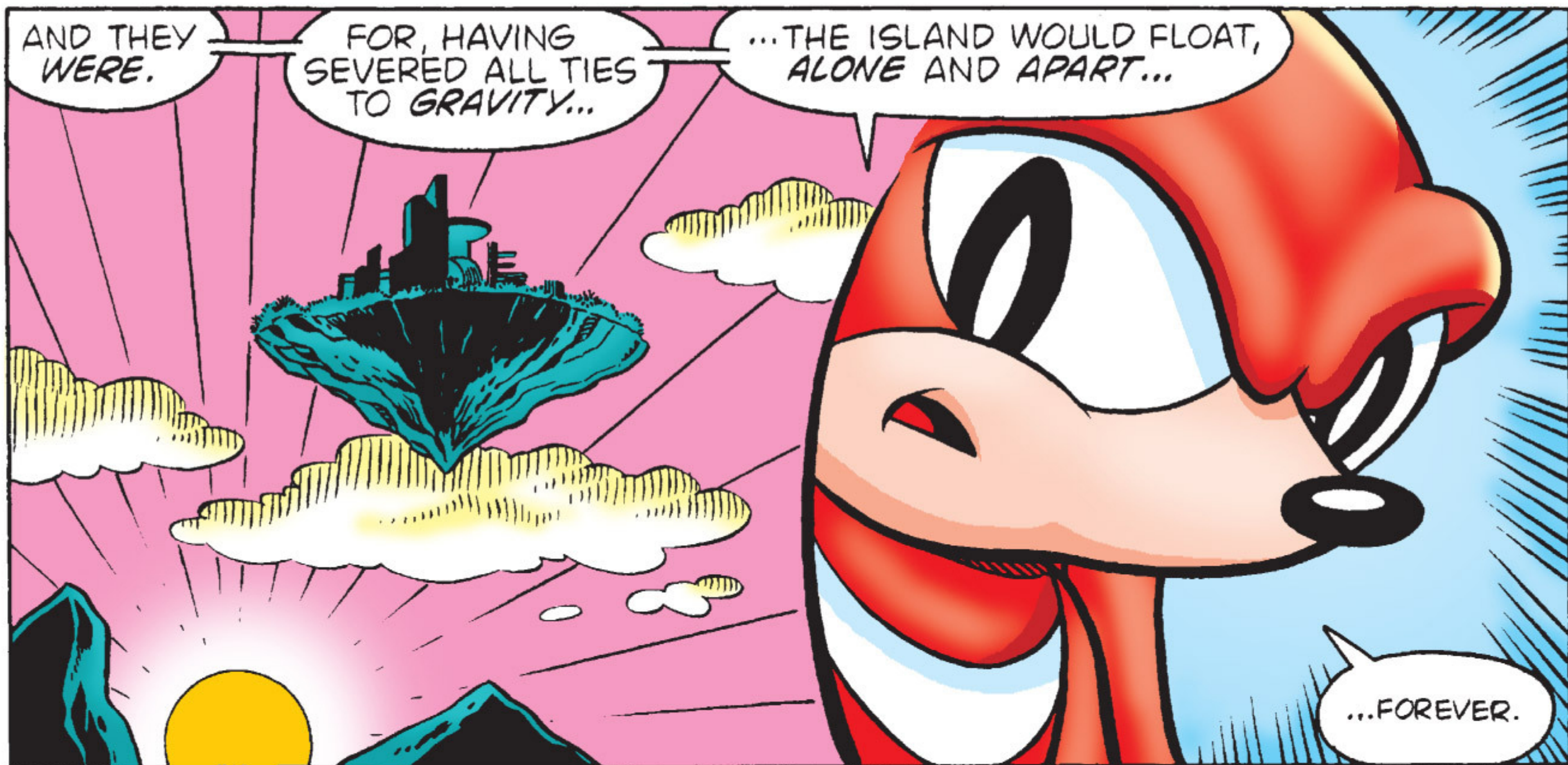


FUNNY...

EVEN THOUGH WE'RE TAKING IT WITH US...



...I FEEL AS THOUGH WE'RE LEAVING HOME!



AND THEY WERE.

FOR, HAVING SEVERED ALL TIES TO GRAVITY...

...THE ISLAND WOULD FLOAT, ALONE AND APART...

...FOREVER.



IT WAS A GRAND DAY IN ECHIDNA HISTORY!



LITTLE DID WE DREAM THAT OUR SALVATION...



...WOULD ONE DAY GIVE BIRTH TO MOUNT FATE...

...AND THE GREATEST MENACE OF ALL!